Straw admits softening policy

Labour drops independent schools threat

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR has removed a key threat to the future of independent schools by softening its line over their charitable status.

The party had said charitable status would be with-drawn if schools did not share their facilities with local people and state schools. However, Jack Straw, the education spokesman, admitted yester-day that the plan had been dropped and no mention was made of it in the election manifesto last Wednesday.

The schools claimed that fees would have to rise by up to 30 per cent if charitable were removed. More than 1,000 schools are regis-tered as charities, and many were expected to close if their

status was changed. Mr Straw said: "This is an extremely complex area. It was never our intention to withdraw charitable status from all independent schools. but there was a great danger

Dog lover drowns

A woman drowned trying to save her dog from the sea at Blackpool — the seventh person to die attempting to rescue pets at the same spot. A plaque there commemorates three police officers who were killed in a vain attempt to pull another dog owner from the water in 1985. In each case, the animal struggled

Coastal clutter

Almost half of Britain's coastline is polluted by plastic bottles, drink cans, glass, syringes and other detritus. The litter, thought to have been dumped from ships, is blamed for the deaths of more than 60 dolphins Page 2

Twin track

British Rail is planning a two-track Channel tunnel link rather than the four tracks that might have encouraged freight companies to switch from road

Li challenge

The Chinese power strug-gle intensified when the prime minister, Li Peng, coupled a call for economic change with a warning against the spread of Western ideas. He had been expected to come out more firmly in line with Deng Xiaoping, who has chal-lenged hardliners head on in a quest for 100 years of

Protest vote

France's ruling Socialists are likely to be dealt a devastating blow in tomorrow's regional elections, partly because of the tradi-tional protest vote that follows years of government and partly because of a mismanaged campaign that has concentrated on the overestimated threat of Jean Marie Le Pen's National Front...... Page 13

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of anything we might say being taken to suggest that.
"We had proposed tougher tests of charitable status; but they were intended to be ones which most schools could pass. I now think I can achieve what we want through discussions with the

The scheme had been the cornerstone of Labour's poliy on private schools for several years. The party wanted independent schools to dem-onstrate that they were fulfil-ing their own charitable aims, and were contributing to their local educational provision, as a condition of tax relief. Labour will now rely on the Charities Act, which had to be rushed through Parliament when the general elec-tion was called, to provide greater accountability.

David Woodhead, chief executive of the Independent Schools Information Service (Isis), said: "A few years ago Labour clearly wanted to stop independent schools having charitable status, whatever they did with it, but we have had much closer contact in be very happy to enter into discussions on community use of our facilities. A great many schools are involved in

that way already." Lawyers told Isis last year that Labour might fall foul of the European Convention on Human Rights if it removed the schools' charitable status. At the same time, a survey of independent schools found that the £41 million they received in business rate concessions and tax relief was more than matched by bursaries and scholarships worth

E54 million. Mr Straw gave details of Labour's softer approach to

IRAQ has agreed to a United

Nations demand to destroy equipment used for making

Baghdad, which has been

facing the threat of new mili-

tary action and continuing

sanctions, has also provided information about a "considerable number" of previously

undeclared ballistic missiles

and chemical weapons. A UN

team due to go to Iraq today

will supervise the destruction before the end the month.

The Iraqi government has also promised to make a com-

prehensive final disclosure of

tion by the middle of April.



Summer's hopeful heralds: a column of robed and optimistic Druids advances down an underpass near the Tower of London yesterday on the way to a ceremonial site for a celebration of the vernal equinox

Major sets zero inflation as new target for Tories

By Robin Oakley and Philip Webster

AS THE latest inflation fig-ures remained unchanged at 4:1 per cent, taking Britain's rate below Germany's for the first time since 1967. John Major last night set a target

Amir al-Anbari, the Iraqi am-bassador, had delivered a let-

ter in which the Baghdad

government finally agreed to

accept the destruction of

Scud-making equipment it had previously argued should be converted to civilian use.

Western diplomats say the

real test will be Iraq's willing-

ness to demolish buildings at its nuclear weapons facility at Al Atheer, 40 miles south of

Iraq did not say its latest disclosure of weapons was complete, but Iraqi officials have told the UN they are

compiling a comprehensive dossier which should be ready

Baghdad.

about mid-April.

sends a boy away at the start of term ... but the time has of zero inflation. come when I may have to." An increase in petrol prices, and the end to new year price discounts, pushed the retail Mr Wilkes said he expected unpaid fees to drop well be-low £240,000 by the end of the school year, but he reprice index up 0.5 per cent last month to 136.3, the bigfused to say how much the gest monthly rise since the VAT-driven surge last April. The annual rise last month governors were trying to save.

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Saddam bows to UN demands

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

said Rolf Ekeus, head of the UN special commission char-ged with disarming Iraq under the terms of the Gulf

war ceasefire, "but it's not the

Earlier in Washington. General Colin Powell, the

chairman of the US Joint

Chiefs of Staff, told the Sen-

ate armed services committee

that US forces were ready to

strike to force President

Saddam Hussein to comply

with the UN resolutions re-

quiring him to destroy all

weapons of mass destruction.

of Iraq's new willingness to co-operate on Thursday, Mr

Ekeus said. He said Abdul

The UN received evidence

end of the road".

lieved to owe the school about

£240,000 and it will lose eight

teaching posts as the uncer-

tainty over pupil numbers and the unpaid fee bill grows.

Mr Anthony said that

Chehenham's problems were

common. "Schools have al-

ways had problems with un-paid fees, but when money is

right they get worse. This recession has been especially hard on the groups who provide many of our pupils."

Isis said that applications

for help with fees doubled to

schools were worst hit, with pupil numbers falling by 4

Peter Wilkes, Cheltenham's

headmaster, said yesterday:

"We are facing a problem of bad debts for the first time in

our history. It is a very hard-hearted headmaster who

at 4.1 per cent, the lowest since last October. The prime minister staked his appeal for re-election on a low tax and stable prices economy. Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, called the latest figures a dis-appointment and Paddy Ashdown, for the Liberal

Democrats, said that the economy had been stopped in was unchanged from January

its tracks.

Mr Major said at his adoption meeting in Huntingdon last night. "Low inflation is not enough for us. I want an end to inflation. The target I am setting for Britain is stable prices — pay packets and pensions that keep their value. No other party will set that target; no other party cares so much. It is the only long-term way to proper peace of mind for the pensioner and to permanent jobs." Earlier Mr Major said: "We are securely in pursuit of stable prices, for the first time

in many years." Mr Kinnock accused the government of suppressing inflation by depressing the economy. "These figures must be a grave disappointment for the government". A high price had been paid in unemployment, in bankrupt-

cies and in repossessions. Mr Ashdown said on Mer seyside: "What Britain needs now is not a government who tion by stopping the economy

dead in its tracks, what we need is a government with the policy to have a sustained programme in the long term for low inflation."

The City was slightly disappointed, as many forecasters had predicted that inflation would fall to 4 per cent or below. John Smith, the shadow chancellor, said that the figures were "very dis-appointing", and added: "John Major's policies are hurting -- but not working."

Britain is now under the European average rate of 4.6 per cent, but still well short of a number of countries including France where price increases are running at between 2 and 3 per cent. Germany, however, is facing increasing inflation difficulties as the cost of unification erodes its price stability.

Mr Major used his adoption speech for a further attack on Labour's tax plans. He said that the election was about the debate over lower tax and lower inflation, which was his aim. "It is about the kind of Britain that we want. Low tax opens doors, widens choice, creates opportunity and extends ownership. High tax slams shut the doors on the hopes that are common to all." The Tories will this Continued on page 18, col 3

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Queen's press secretary apologises to duchess

The announcement of the impending royal legal separation has blown up like a firework in the face of Buckingham Palace, Alan Hamilton reports

The battle for hearts and I minds over the impending legal separation of the Duke and Duchess of York took erratic flight yesterday, like a faulty firework which did not follow its intended trajectory. Having lit the touch paper, Buckingham Palace was obliged to retreat when the squib blew up in its

In a rare prostration Charles Anson, the Queen's press secretary, was obliged to offer a public apology after most of the tabloid press re-ported the separation plans from the point of view that the duchess had been frozen out by her royal mother-in-law, and had been virtually consigned to the outer darkness as an unperson. There were even suggestions of sympathy for the duchess, which was probably not the palace's

Briefing journalists on Thursday, Mr Anson made some off-the-record observations about the duchess's unsuitability for royal life, obser-vations duly reported within the hour on BBC Radio's The World At One.

In a personal statement to the Press Association yesterday Mr Anson said: "Yesterday I gave to the media a short statement concerning the marriage of the Duke and Duchess of York in terms authorised by the Queen. It was that statement alone, and factual answers to questions as to future arrangements, that were authorised by Her Majesty. As head of the Buckingham Palace press office, I accept full responsibility for anything said beyond that, and I very much regret that what was said should have been interpreted by the media to the detriment of the Duchess of York, to whom I have offered my personal apolo-

gies."
He added: "I have also apologised to the Queen, and both Her Majesty and Her Royal Highness have been kind enough to accept these Continued on page 18, col 6

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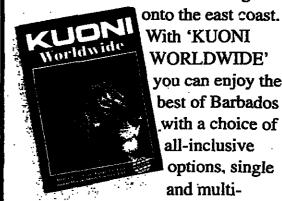
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Maxwell's widow gives sons £900,000



Maxwell: claims that she has no money

BY NEIL BENNETT BANKING CORRESPONDENT

ELISABETH Maxwell, the widow of Robert Maxwell, has been named as the mystery benefactor who has given her two sons £900,000 to cover their mounting legal bills. The disclosure came at a Court of Appeal hearing at which the liquidators of the Maxwell pension funds tried and failed to recover up to £100,000 in costs from her for earlier legal actions.

earlier legal actions. Until now the identity of the backer for Kevin and Ian Maxwell's legal actions has been kept secret and has been the object of considerable speculation.

Most observers had discounted Mrs Maxwell as a possible benefactor due to ber repeated claims that she is penniless. "I am in great financial difficulty," Mrs Maxwell said in an interview with Vanity Fair, the American magazine. They have stopped my pension, I have not salted away anything. They say I have £500,000. Those are lies. I haven't

In court, the counsel for Robson Rhodes, the pension fund's provisional liquidator, said that Mrs Maxwell had provided the money "at the drop of a hat", and that many Maxwell pensioners by contrast faced a "bleak and un-certain" future. Robson has already revealed that £458 million of the pen-sion funds is missing, almost two-thirds

The liquidator said it will now pursue an action against Kevin Maxwell for costs incurred in a Court of Appeal bearing earlier this year, in which Mr Maxwell unsuccessfully tried to claim a right of silence against questions from the liquidators to avoid self-

In a written statement to the court, the Maxwell brothers revealed that on December 11, Kevin asked his mother for £100,000 to cover legal fees, which she provided. Soon afterwards she gave her sons another £400,000 each. Kevin Maxwell has been unable to

fund his legal costs since Robson won a court order freezing all his bank accounts, apart from £1,500 a week for living expenses.

In spite of this, the two brothers have hired some of the best — and most expensive — legal advice available. Kevin Maxwell is being represented by Peters & Peters, the leading law firm, and at times has been represented by three senior QCs — George Carman. Gavin Lightman and P. Ahm Jones. Gavin Lightman and R Alun Jones.

Later Neil Cooper, the liquidator from Robson, said that he would make a claim for costs against Kevin Maxwell. "We would have failed in our duty to the ensioners if we had not pursued this

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Researchers unravel family secrets of Egyptian mummies

SCIENTISTS at Manchester Museum are using fragments of tissue from six Egyptian mummies to try to work out how each person was related and how they died. The mummies, found in 1989, appear to be three generations of one family buried side by side in a tomb on the west bank of

the Nile 4,200 years ago. So unusual was the find, made by a team led by the Australian Egyptologist Neguib Kanawati, that the mummies were left in place while a team was assembled to study them. They appear to be grandparents. a son and daugh-ter-in-law and two children, aged about ten to 12. Egyptian and British experts, including members of the murmy team from the Manchester Museum, examined them for the first time in January

Tissue fragments may reveal vital clues to scientists about how six Egyptians lived and died over 4,000 years ago, reports Nigel Hawkes

and took tissue samples for DNA

Using endoscopes — rigid tubes that were inserted through the bandages wrapping each mummy they took samples, five of flesh and one of bone, for the DNA analysis, which is being carried out at St Mary's hospital, Manchester. Because the mummies have never been unwrapped they cannot be contaminated, a great advantage, according to Dr Rosalie David of the Manchester Museum, that should make the

DNA studies easier.

Hagarsa, 250 miles south of Cairo, and are particularly interesting because they are so old. Only four other mummies are known to have survived intact from the same period of Egyptian history, the eighth dynasty of the Old Kingdom, a time of chaos and

Kingdom, a time of chaos and civil war that ended in 2134 BC.

Nasry Iskander, keeper of the royal mummy collection in Cairo's Egyptian Museum, said that each mummy lay in a heavy wooden coffin with hieroglyphic inscriptions etched on the outside.

The edular's goes and shoulders The adults' faces and shoulders were covered with painted plaster

masks, common for high officials of the day. The children were in

Dr Kanawati said: "The whole thing is fascinating. Were they killed in warfare or a local skirmish? Did they die from disease? We don't know." The mummy believed to be the grandfather has a beard, signifying status. Dr Kanawati believes that the weap-ons buried with him, including a spear and arrows, indicate that he could have been a provincial mili-

tary governor.

One of the first questions to be answered by the DNA analysis is the sex of the mummies. Dr David says that it is possible the two children were put in the wrong coffins, since the one in the coffin bearing a male inscription is wearing a female mask. The



Family find: one of the six mummies discovered side by side

samples should also show family relationships, if any, and the presence of disease — previous mum-mies studied had suffered from worm infestations. The kind of

results that are possible is shown by the team's investigation of the mummy from the Leeds City Museum

That was Natsef-Amun, a priest

from the temple at Karnak, who lived at about 1100 BC. Using methods including radiology and endoscopy, the team has estab-lished that Amin suffered from a parasitic disease, filariasis, and also showed signs of furring of the leg arteries, which could have led to a heart attack or stroke.

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The eyes were preserved, which is very unusual in mummies, and study of the nerves supplying the eye muscles showed signs of peripheral neuritis, a disease that can occur with diabetes. The team also found evidence that the priest could have died by strangulation, or possibly by an insect bite on the tongue. Dr David says that she expects the results of the sex tests of the Al-Hagarsa mummies in a few weeks and the rest by the end of the summer.

Coach company to lease carriages on BR night trains

By MICHAEL DYNES TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

PRIVATISATION of the rail network, albeit only a tiny part of it, will come a step closer in May when InterCity begins leasing four carriages to a coach company whose chairman is convinced that he can make money from an overnight seated service that rail managers have decided

to abandon. In a joint venture between British Rail and Stagecoach Holdings, a Perth transport company, passengers travel-ling between Aberdeen, Dundee, Edinburgh and London will be able to buy a ticket from a coach company which enables them to ride on

ment grants Stagecoach Holdings the right to sell 240 seats on two overnight services between Aberdeen and London, a market from which BR has decided to withdraw and provide only sleeper cars in an effort to

ple of government attempts to abolish BR's monopoly provision of passenger and freight services by allowing private sector companies access to the rail network. If successful, the initiative could lead to the proliferation of private sector

Two-track tunnel link likely to upset campaign

By Our Transport Correspondent

BRITISH Rail, in a move director who is now managing director of New Ventures, that will disappoint supportthe BR department responsible for overseeing develop-ment of the link, planners are freight from road to rail, is developing proposals that understood to be working on proposals that could translink to two tracks.

The proposals for a link able to carry international passengers and freight be-tween Folkestone and King's Cross station via Stratford in east London will disappoint advocates of a four-track line as part of a long-term strategy to make the link a way of cutting road traffic

A four-track railway, made up of two lines for passengers and two lines for freight. would add £2 billion to the cost of the proposed two-track rail link, currently estimated at £4.5 billion. In addition, while a four-track link could carry much more freight than a two-track link, analysts are convinced that demand would not justify spending the additional E2 billion.

BR's planning assumption has, however, enabled rail engineers to press ahead with development of the rail link, which had given every indication of being stuck in limbo after the government's decision last October to abandon the proposed southerly approach to London in favour of

a new easterly approach. Although a final decision on whether to proceed with a two-track or four-track railway will not be taken by ministers until after the election, BR's planning assumption is the first indication that Britain's high-speed mainline connection to the continent will two-track.

Support for the two-track solution appears two be gain-ing support from the Conser-vative and Labour parties. Eurotunnel, and many of the local authorities affected by the route. Ministers are expected to make a final decision about the freight issue after consultations with the Channel tunnel rail link forum, set up in January by Roger Freeman, the transport minister.

Under John Prideaux, the former InterCity managing

The deal is the first exam-

companies marketing bits and pieces of BR. The scheme

form the transport network of

Proposals known to be

under consideration include

schemes to connect the four

Medway towns, Rochester,

Chatham, Gillingham, and

Strood, to the rail link by

means of new stations or spur

lines, together with a scheme

to connect the rail link to the

proposed £1.5 billion Cross-

rail project that will run be-

tween Liverpool Street and

Paddington in London. Plans

to assist the development of

the East Thames corridor,

from East London to the

North Sea, are also being

dent that it will have complet-ed its proposal for the easterly

approach, including options and variations, by autumn.

BRITISH beaches are lit-

tered with more plastic bot-tles, drink cans and sanitary materials than they were two

years ago, according to a survey. Almost half of the 1,244 miles of coastline

covered by the survey were

classified as polluted.

The study, Coastwatch UK, found syringes, glass, polystyrene containers and dis-

carded nylon netting, thought to be responsible for

killing more than 60 dol-

phins off the Cornish coast

recently, were as common

now as in 1989 in spite of

government assurances that

EC directives on the cleanliness of bathing water would be met by 1995.

Gareth Rees, who co-

ordinated the survey, part of an EC-funded annual study

of cleanliness on beaches in

16 European countries, said

The rail link team is confi-

examined.

south Essex and east Kent.

Stagecoach Holdings in-tend to market the long-distance service throughout the Highlands and eastern Scotland where it already operates a network of local services. The comapny is confident that there are already enough people using the overnight train to make the business viable, and is convinced that improved marketing will generate the additional demand

> Mr Souter, who founded Stagecoach Holdings with his sister Ann in 1980, has watched the company grow out of all recognition from its humble origins. Armed with £25,000 capital, much of which came from his father's redundancy pay, the family went into the transport busi-

is the brainchild of Brian

Souter, the chairman of Stagecoach Holdings, who forecasts that his company

will be able to offer passen-

gers standard, single, and re-

turn fares between 20 and 30

per cent less than those cur-

rently on offer from BR. In contrast to BR rail tickets, the

Stagecoach tickets will also

include a hot meal, and pas-

sengers will be looked after by

the company's own uni-

formed staff.

ness with two coaches. The introduction of new services between Scotland Edinburgh, and Glasgow, where none existed before, proved to be a success. The company now owns 2,400 buses and coaches in Britain and 700 overseas, and has an annual turnover of £160 million and operating profits of £13 million, thanks largely to the deregulation and privati-sation of the bus and coach

The company pulled out of the long-distance coach market in 1989 after finding that increased congestion was made the business less profitable. Mr Souter was convinced, however, that the train was the answer to mo-torway snarl-ups. "We started in 1980 with two coaches," Mr Souter said. "We are staring again with four railway

Survey finds more

litter on beaches

By LOUISE HIDALGO

Second Briton prepares for space

A technological hitch prevented a Cambridge graduate from making space history, reports Nick Nuttall

AT ABOUT 10.30am on Monday a forgotten British spaceman will clamber abroad the US space shuttle Columbia for a nine-day mission into space and a modest place in the history

The mission will make Michael Foale, a Cambridge first class honours graduate who was born in Louth, Lincolushire, in 1957, the second Briton to have been in space and the first British man. Indeed, if US space shuttle technology had been more reliable or as reliable as the Soviet Union's, Dr Foale, the son of a retired RAF air commodore, would have been the nation's first

The seven-man mission on which he is embarking was scheduled to launch last year, a few weeks before the Anglo-Soviet Juno mission that put Helen Sharman into orbit on the Mir space station, making her the first Briton in space.

The shuttle programme has been dogged with diffi-culties, including cracks in the doors of the external fuel tanks and the tragic Chal-lenger disaster in 1986 when the craft exploded minutes after launch, killing its crew, which led to flights being delayed by about a year.

Yesterday Dr Foale, who attended Kings School, Canterbury, flew to Cape Canaveral, Florida, from the Johnson Space Centre in Houston for final launch preparations and health checks while his family and friends gathered at Cocoa Beach, the town near the

space complex.

His wife, Rhonda, aged

33, a space engineer at Johnson working on the planned space station Freedom, said yesterday: "It is very exciting. Mike has wanted to be an astronaut since he was six. He has geared his whole life to this moment."

She was aware of the risks her husband was taking but that "you have to keep the danger in perspective". She said: "It is not as if he is

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of litter, medical waste such as syringes and inhalers, sewage material and inflows, many of them polluted withs scums, oil and debris, were found. One comforting finding was that only 32 oiled birds were discovered com-



Space bound: Michael Foale wanted to be an astronaut since he was six

going to war." Mrs Foale described her husband as meticulous in his work and an avid wind surfer and said he had not been disappointed by being pipped into space by Miss Sharman. He was very happy about Juno and just pleased that another Briton was going

into space," she said. Mrs Foale, who will be leaving their three-monthold daughter Jenna at home, said what her husband miss-

ed most about Britain, which he left in 1982 to pursue a career with NASA, was the intellectual community at Cambridge, where he obtained a PhD in laboratory astrophysics in 1982 from Queens College. "Luckily we have a TV

channel here that plays a lot of British shows. We have watched all the Dr Whos and Ello Ello every Thursday."

she said.

blast off at 8.01 Eastern Standard Time (13.01 GMT) will be the first in a series of 12 designed to study the full 11-year solar cycle using the Atmospheric Lab-oratory for Applications in Science (Atlas).

The instrument, made by 12 nations, will study solar flares and other phenomena on the sun's surface that fire charged particles into space and which play a role in the

The mission, scheduled to earth's weather systems.

The unexpected loss results from poor ticket sales. "What happened was that the bottom began to fall out of the box office last March," Mr Isaacs said. Last season Covent Garden was enjoying 90 per cent capacity at performances, which enabled it to break even but the figure is now down to 80 per cent. New productions in the present season have not been

The opera house has commissioned a consultant to carry out a six-month examination of costs and operations to try to reinforce

THE Royal Opera House, persuade the Arts Council that we deserve a higher allocation that they have given us. The council is proceeding with its own series of routine assessments of our three com-panies, but they thought that a separate examination would be a good idea." Ian Beesley, of Price Waterhouse, will report on his findings in September. Covent Garden is the big-

gest single client of the Aris Council from which the Royal Opera, Royal Ballet and Birmingham Royal Ballet are to get almost £19 million for 1992-93, 62 per cent more than in the current year.

The Arts Council has al-ready carried out an assessment of the Royal Ballet, which resulted in a £500,000 enhancement grant last year. An assessment of the Royal Opera is now under way. In contrast, English Nat-

ional Opera has been enjoying a successful season which should see a small surplus, although not enough to cancel its own accumulated defi-cit of over £1 million. This week the government made a special grant of £10.8 million through the Arts Council to enable ENO to buy its home, the London Coliseum. The rest of the price of £12.8 million is being granted by Mr Isaacs said: "We have the Foundation for Sport and

Rebel vicar becomes a bishop

A vicar who led his congregation out of the Church of England after the decision to ordain women deacons nine years ago is to become a bishop in the breakaway Anglican Catholic Church (Ruth Gledhill writes). The Rev Leslie Hamlett

could begin ordaining priests in his new missionary diocese of England and Wales after his consecration in June. He said his church was not part of the protest movement against women priests but was concerned about "the whole issue of the faith. The Anglican heritage, which is the total history of the holy Catholic Church in our land, is no longer fully upheld by the Church of England."

Father Hamlett and most of his congregation at Alsagers Bank, Staffordshire. left the Church of England in 1983. He was elected a bishop in the continuing Anglican Catholic Church when its primate, the Most Rev Wiliam Lewis, of Georgia, USA. visited his parish last week.

Fr Hamlett said the Church — which has 15 bishops and 500 parishes worldwide - had about 300 adherents in Gloucestershire, Shropshire, Wiltshire, Staf-fordshire, Lincoln and

Wilson inquest told of charge

THE inquest in Preston into the death of David Wilson. the Lancashire accountant killed by gunmen at his home on March 5, was told yesterday that police do not expect an immediate conclusion to the murder investigation.

Detective Superintendent Bob Denmark, who is leading the enquiry, confirmed that a man had been charged with conspiracy to murder and that two others were in custody but had not been charged. The hearing was adjourned. Detectives are liaising with the FBI and police in Europe.

Man killed by car thieves

A man was stabbed to death by two young men whom he confronted as they tried to break into his car early yesterday. There was a scuffle and the men ran off leaving their victim bleeding from his

Neighbours went to help Donald Palmer, aged 52. He was taken to hospital but died an hour after the incident outside his home on the Gloucester Groze estate, in Peckham, southeast London. Police said that the suspects were white and in their late teens or early twenties.

Green returns

Sir Allan Green, QC, who resigned as Director of Public Prosecutions last year, is returning to the criminal Bar. Sir Allan resigned as DPP after being questioned by police about alleged kerb-crawling at King's Cross. London. Sir Allan will be defending, in a trial due to start at Southwark crown start at Southwark crown court on Monday, a man accused of being involved in a car-ringing racket.

Ex-head jailed

Lionel Mann, aged 65, a former headmaster at Norseland School in Felixstowe, Suffolk, was jailed for three years for sex assaults on pupils between 1977 and 1982. Mann, who is retired, admitted seven assaults and one act of gross indecency.

Pupils expelled Radley College has expelled

ten sixth-form boys who were ten sixth-torm boys who were caught smoking cannabis. Richard Morgan, the warden of the school, near Abingdon, Oxfordshire, said they had all admitted smoking the drug. Mr. Morgan took over as head at the public school, which charges fees of £10,350 a year, last September.

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the results suggested that ships were still dumping gar-bage at sea in contravention of international and governor international and govern-ment restrictions introduced two years ago. Some 70 per cent of beach litter is esti-mated to come from ships and boats.

We were very disappoint-ed not to find more improve-ments in the state of our ments in the state of our beaches since our first study three years ago," Dr Rees said. "It is a mixture of people not abiding by the legislation and a failure to implement it." More than 6,000 volun-

More than 0,000 vonin-teers, including shool-child-ren and college students, were involved in collecting the findings, combing 1,244 miles of beaches, 15 per cent of the British total, during two weeks last autumn. The collected almost 100,000 plastic bottles and aluminium cans, and in some areas found as many as 80 every half mile. Mid-Glamorgan came out as the most polluted section of coast, with 83 plastic bottles, 79 cans and 45 plastic packing

straps found per half-mile. The study, organised by Farnborough College of Technology and the Marine Conservation Society, and which there a market item a market of the conservation of the conse more than a snapshot of the cleanliness of Britain's coast, classifies 560 miles of beach as being polluted, 560 as

Heads are told to keep quiet

BY MATTHEW D'ANCONA EDUCATION REPORTER

party political debate.

Donald Naismith, Wands-worth's director of education. said in a letter to head teachers that rational discussion was required rather than "damaging, alarmist and misleading publicity". He said teachers who violated the

Seventy of the borough's

the recent anxieties. Dick Cooper, head of Honeywell junior school, said yes-terday that he had been reprimanded by Mr Nais-mith. "It's quite outrageous to suggest that we should not talk to parents at the time of the parent's charter.".

HEAD teachers in Wandsworth, southwest London, have been told not to talk to parents and the press about the financial difficulties facing the borough's primary schools and to keep out of

council publicity code risked disciplinary and legal action.

head teachers claim that budget cuts will lead to hundreds of redundancies, and have written to parents outlining their concern. The group believes the schools need £7 million to make up the shortfall, but the council insists that there is enough money to maintain standards. It has. however, returned £1 million to the budget in response to

Covent Garden faces £2m loss

By SIMON TAIT, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

which had hoped to make a small profit this year, expects instead to be facing a loss of £2 million for the financial year which ends next month. The accumulated deficit will be more than £3 million, Jeremy Isaacs, general direc-tor, said yesterday.

Details are to be announced next month, but the reverse will be a bitter blow to the opera house which has been battling against deficit for four years, and had to increase the cost of tickets to a top price of £128.

as well received as had been

claims for a large increase in its grant from the Arts

for many years been trying to the Arts.

Victim is eighth to die at same spot

Woman drowns in struggle to rescue pet dog from sea

By Ronald Faux and Adam Fresco

A WOMAN drowned yesterday trying to rescue her dog from the sea at Blackpool in a stretch of water that has claimed the lives of six others, all of whom were trying to save dogs or their owners. A seventh person died after chasing a ball into the water.

In 1983 three police offi-cers were killed when they tried to rescue one of the victims, a Scotsman, who had gone into the water to save his pet. High tide was breaking in strong waves against the sea wall at the time. There is a plaque at the spot where yesterday's incident took place recording the bravery of the two policemen and the

In March 1985 a holidaymaker was drowned off the same stretch of coastline between North Pier and Gynn Square — when he went into the sea to retrieve a

In 1986 an 11-year-old boy died at the same spot, again jumping in to save his pet

dog.
Police said the woman, Barbara Ann Blackburn, aged 49, of Blackpool, had been walking two dogs along the promenade when one of the animals went into the

Strong winds and a spring tide made conditions dangerous and after apparently throwing a life belt to the animal the woman was swept into the waves breaking

ALBERT Dryden threatened

a council planning officer

minutes before shooting him

dead in a confrontation,

filmed by television cameras.

about a bungalow built with-

out permission, it was

ciaimed in a court yesterday.

to see the outcome of this dis-

aster," Mr Dryden yelled at

Harry Collinson, Derwent-

officer, when he arrived to

oversee the bungalow's demo-

Mr Dryden, aged 51, of Consett, Co Durham, denies

murdering Mr Collison and

attempting to murder Tony

Belmont, a BBC television reporter, PC Stephen Camp-

bell and Michael Dunston, a

council solicitor, all of whom.

Millions of television view-

ers saw the confrontation, as

did onlookers gathered to see

Reconstructed exerpts from

taped interviews between

police and Mr Dryden were

played to the jury at

Newcastle upon Tyne crown

court. When Mr Dryden was

asked about his enounter

with Mr Collinson, he denied

that his words were a threat.

Mr Dryden told police that

THE SUNDAYTIMES

The Crown

in crisis

the story of the

Steve Wyatt photographs was

published, the Duchess of York found herself frozen out by the Royal establishment, even

by the members of

staff - when she went

to her office she was

faced with total

silence. The duchess

also found there was no one to help

her. She had seen

how Mark Phillips

had been gradually

eased out of the

inner circle and she

was not prepared to

sit back while it

Andrew Morton - in The

Sunday Times tomorrow

happened to her . . . •

On the morning that

were allegedly shot at.

the demolition.

lition, the court was told.

"You might not be around

against the promenade. The multiple drowning in Blackdog eventually struggled to safety on its own as the woman's body was recovered by an RNLI inshore vessel. The second dog was found tied by its lead to railings.

Mrs Blackburn made stage clothes for entertainers and ice dancers and was described as one of the country's leading theatrical costu-miers. She worked at Blackpool Pleasure Beach where her three daughters, who are all in their twenties, are ice dancers.

An official of the Blackpool beach patrol service said that safety chains were in use yesterday along the promenade and signs warned of the danger from the sea. Lancashire police said that again they had to remind the public to respect the power of the sea

after another tragedy.

Roland Derbyshire, of the
RNLI in Blackpool, said: "This death toll is going on and on." He spoke of confusion during the search yesterday caused by reports of more than one person in the water. After the woman had been recovered, the search went on for some time in the belief there was another person in trouble. "This was not the case but we must always err on the side of caution," he

The Royal Life Saving Society, which instructs life guards, said: "The event is a horrific reminder of the tragic

he had been referring to his

hope that an inspector from

the environment department

Murder trial told

of planning fight

pool in 1985. "Dog owners sitedly put themselves at risk to save their animals but. libough this is easier to say than do, they must consider By Ray Clancy

CHARITIES and organis-ations supported by the Duchess of York were yester-

day hopeful that she would

remain in contact and contin-

ue to carry out some public

appearances. Buckingham Palace has so far not banned

the duchess from playing a part in public life if she

wishes but she will no longer

it means for us," said Sue

Kershaw of the Motor Neu-

rone Disease Association

which has the duchess as a

patron. "The trustees want

her to continue as a leading

public figure in the associ-

ation. I don't think anybody

can doubt her personal com-

The Carr Gomm Society

for lonely and divorced people

said that it had no wish to lose

the duchess as a patron. "We

would like her to stay," a spokeswoman said, "What

role she would play would be

completely up to her."

Action Research, a charity

for research into childhood

diseases which has the duch-

ess as president, said that her

position was not being ques-

tioned. Noel Nagel, director of the Sports Aid Foundation,

of which the duchess is presi-

dent, said he was shocked by the news. "She is an excellent

president who takes a real

interest in the work of the

foundation, particularly the part of it which involves help-

ing young people and dis-abled athletes."

The duchess is supportive of a large number of groups many of which are concerned

with children and also the

arts. She is patron of the Winchester Cathedral Trust and the Christ Church Cathe-

dral restoration appeal. She is also patron of the Dulwich

Picture Gallery, the Sick Chil-

dren's Trust, the Blue Cross,

the Chemical Dependancy Centre and Opera North.

BY ALAN HAMILTON

as common as positive scores.

palace press secretary, was

effectively sent to the Tower (although after a decent inter-

val in the hope that no one

would notice) for a deep-

throat briefing to The Sunday

Times that the Queen was less

Michael Shea, a former

Public apology, page 1 Spanish royalists, page 13 Clifford Longley, page 14 Diary, page 14

mitment to our cause."

We are just not clear what

be performing royal duties.

their own lives more importaint. This is not the first case of a near drowning this year brought about by a dog owncritying to retrieve his pet.

The answer is not to disregard the lives of our pets, but greater awareness of the force of moving and open water."

Geoffrey Tompson, man-aging director at the pleasure beach, said: "This is a family company and we are all deep-ly couched by this tragedy. Mrs Blackburn was a highly skilled worker who created some of the best designs we have ever had. She will be very difficult to replace." She was known to leading stage

and television entertainers. DA helicopter pilot was rescued from heavy seas in Morecambe Bay yesterday after his Bell Jetranger crashed with engine trouble on a flight between Blackpool and the Isle of Man. The pilot was taken from

the sea by a helicopter from RAF Valley in north Wales which had earlier been scrambled after the woman was swept into the sea.

The pilot was taken to Victoria hospital, Blackpool, suffering from exposure. He was named as Jeff Dodd of Manchester Helicopter Charters, based at Eccles.

Murder trial told of secret

would visit the site as a result of his appeal against the council requiring demolition of his home.

Mr Dryden said that he meant that when the inspector came it would be "quite

probable" that another council official, rather than Mr Collinson, would be present The jury also heard direct extracts from the tapes. Det Chief Inspector Arthur Proud said to Mr Dryden: "You haven't even said you have done it". Mr Dryden replied: "Maybe I haven't". After being advised that it was best if he admitted the shooting and gave a reason, he said: "I

the story in court." Eventually, Mr Dryden admitted owning the revolver used in the shooting, which he said he had bought from a schoolfriend in 1952. He also said: "Well, I believe I did do it, but I don't know why I done it . . . I suppose I have to admit I done it because you say you have a lot of

am prepared to tell my side of

A search of Mr Dryden's property revealed a number of weapons and quantities of ammunition, the court was iold. Malcolm Fletcher, a forensic science firearms ex-pert, said that several of the apons were not capable of being fired because they were homemade or incomplete

modifications. Mines containing high explosives were found at the property, the court was told. The trial resumes on

burial

A MURDER trial jury was told yesterday of the moment the dead man's son learnt that his father had been secretly buried in the shallow grave yards from his bed-

The son's account was read out in a statement at Luton Scotland, his mother, denies murdering her 48-year-old husband in 1987. The body remained hidden in the shallow grave for nearly four years after Mrs Scotland and her daughter Caroline told other family members, rela-tives and friends that her husband had suddenly gone to work in Saudi Arabia.

Alistair Scotland, aged 25, who had been on holiday at the time of the killing at the family's home in Pankhurst Crescent, Stevenage, had believed the story he had been told. But on Easter Sunday last year, Alistair Scotland, a student in Coventry, was visiting the famiy home during the holidays.

In the statement he said that his mother woke him in his bedroom and said: "I hit him with a rolling pin. I had to do it."

o do it." In his second statement, the son said: "He was very strict and what he said was law and no-one was allowed to argue with him." His father "ruled everyone with a rod or iron". He was never loving to anyone and would "slap mum about". He add-ed: "I remember mum saying if it had not been for us children she would not have

NOT for the first time in than happy with Mrs Thatchrecent Buckingham Palace er's abrasive style of govern-ment. In the minds of correshistory Charles Anson, the press secretary to the Queen. has displayed the impossibilpondents who keep a watch on palace matters there is no ity of the task with which he is charged. To be official doubt that Mr Shea in 1986 and Mr Anson this week were accurately conveying the views of their employer. The difficulty is getting the mess-age across without anyone that needs to improve its pub-lic relations, or wishes to con-vey a point of view, while at the same time trying to main-tain impartiality and a vestige saying where it came from. Mr Anson was let down on of mystique, is to play in a

Thursday by Paul Reynolds, the respected diplomatic corrgame where own goals will be espondent of BBC Radio, who was briefed by Mr Anson on the Yorks' situation and chose, in the circumstances of a big story, to tell listeners to The World At One what he had learned. Had it rested there, not much more would have happened, but the entire

tabloid press then seized on Mr Reynolds's report and an-nounced that the palace knives were "out for Fergie". Off-the-record briefings are tricky animals. The serious media value the guidance they provide, but the briefer and in the case of palace stories there is only one possible source — always runs the risk of correspondents deciding that a story is too important to remain under the wraps of confidentiality. Mr Reynolds is employed by the

BBC, not the palace. Mr Anson, who has held the job since 1990, is well regarded by correspondents for his calm, informative guidance on palace matters. He is more professional and

worldly wise than some who have held the post, having worked his way through the diplomatic service in Wash-ington and Tehran and had a spell in the press office at Downing Street under James

The Duke of York leaving the London Contemporary Dance Theatre

yesterday where he had hunch and spoke about the need for art sponsorship

Uproar engulfs the silent messenger

Charities praise patron duchess

He also lived in the real orld as public relations director of the merchant bankers Kleinwort Benson, where one of his tasks was to explain away a fall in profits from £38 million to £9 million in the wake of Black Monday.

The Yorks' separation was Mr Anson's first minefield. Recently he masterminded the public relations surround-

ing the release of the BBC documentary Elizabeth R. Mr Anson, aged 47, was

educated at Lancing College and Cambridge, is married with two children and is regarded by friends as a mean tennis player. His appointment followed

what his ultimate masters regarded as a series of public relations disasters over the separation of the Princess Royal and Captain Mark Phillips, and the decision of Prince Edward to abandon his Royal Marines training. That he had to issue an apology yesterday is an indication of the perils attendant on being the mouthpiece for an organisation that is not supposed to have a view about

anything, ever. Apology to duchess, page 1

TV appeal aids hunt for killer

Detectives leading a new investigation into the murder in 1975 of Lesley Molseed, aged 11, yesterday began sifting through hundreds of offers of information after a nationwide television appeal for help in finding two cars (Stewart Tendler writes).

The case was reopened after Stefan Kiszko, convicted for the murder in 1976, was freed by the appeal court last month. Police are looking for the drivers of a Vauxhall Viva and a Morris 1000 seen at an A672 layby on the Sunday afternoon when the girl went missing after leaving her home in Rochdale, Greater Manchester, to go shopping.

Actor accepts libel damages

Graham Stark the comedy actor accepted undisclosed substantial damages in the High Court against The Sun-day Telegraph over a book review that attacked his personality and questioned his acting ability. The review of Mr Stark's Remembering Peter Sellers also suggested that the author was a parasite on Sellers, the court was told. Victoria Sharp, for Mr Stark, aged 70, said the actors, who appeared together in The Goons, were close friends who held each other in high regard for over 35 years until Seliers' death.

Art theft alert

Oxford University is planning stringent security measures after a spate of art thefts from the Ashmolean museum and several colleges. Items stolen in the past three years have included Greek vases, paintings and silver. Earlier this month a visitor left Christ Church with a 16th century painting under his coat. Recommendations from a security working party were accepted this week.

Culture snippet

A series of 90-second talks on Rembrandt, dubbed sightbites, are to be transmitted by BBC2 from tomorrow. The programmes will not appear on schedules and are de-signed to catch culture-allergic viewers off guard. Presenters on Talking Rembrandt - believed to be among the shortest programmes transmitted — will include the Duke of Devon-shire and Rolf Harris.

Toilet for sale

19th century undergroup public lavatory comprising ladies' and gents' toilets with their own front doors is for sale for £15,000. The toilet, owned by by Tower Hamlets council, is on a traffic island the size of two tennis courts in the middle of Bow Road, east London. The entrance to the gents is under a statue of Gladstone and the ladies' entrance is in the grounds of nearby Bow church.

Number of ponds halved in ten years

THE garden pond is Britain's best hope of saving its vanishing aquatic wildlife, according to a survey of more than 600 ponds

throughout the country.

Pondwatch, the biggest national survey of its kind, organised by the Wildfowl and Wedands Trust, found that the number of ponds had halved in the past 100 years. In some areas the loss was even greater.

As farm and village ponds silted up or were built over. ponds in gardens or school grounds were playing an increasingly important role in providing homes for amphibians and insects. Ten per cent of the 627 ponds surveyed from Scotland to Cornwall were home to the Great Crested Newt, an endangered species protected by law, and two thirds had

colonies of frogs. Although three quarters were virtually free of refuse the rest were heavily contaminated and urgently needed clearing. The best gently if some of the less water quality was in ponds on nature reserves, the poor-

est in garden ponds.

More than a third were under ten years old, representing "an important con-tribution to replacing the ponds lost since 1892", the report said. It concluded, however, that the quality of common animals were to be

Anson: more worldly wise

than some predecessors

Using an index based on the number of small creatures in each pond studied the report said that the level of life in most ponds was low and urged owners to introonce more native plants and to care for their ponds better. Caroline Aistrop, of the



Wet and wild: a whirligig beetle, a frog and a water spider. All live happily in garden ponds

trust, said action was needed urgently as frogs, newts and toads were now return-

ing to ponds to breed.

The first thing is not to put fish into a pond, apart perhaps from sticklebacks." she said. "Carp and goldfish will just eat the insects and the frog spawn. A stickle-back is more likely to be eaten by dragonfly larvae."
A thriving wildlife pond

would be home to amphibians such as frogs and newts as well as insects from waterboatmen to Dragon and damsel flies and water spiders. "Especially for children, wildlife ponds provide a chance to watch nature under our very noses."

The survey was published to mark the launch of the £2,500 Pondwatch awards to find the best wildlife porid in Britain. Details of the competition can be obtained from the trust at Slimbridge, Gloucester,

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Academic libraries

Universities spend 28% less on books

BY MATTHEW D'ANCONA, EDUCATION REPORTER

SPENDING on books fell by 28 per cent in universities and by 50 per cent in polytechnics between 1979 and 1989, according to a new report on the state of academic libraries.

Twenty-two universities and 17 polytechnics reported a decline of more than 40 per cent, and three universities and five polytechnics reported a decline of more than 65 per cent

The survey by the Council of Academic and Professional Publishers said that the average amount spent on books per university student was £44 in 1989. Twenty-six pounds was spent per polytechnic student, £2 less than the average price of an academic book. Book expenditure among the institutions varied considerably, from £94 per student at Cambridge University, to £13 at Middle-

sex Polytechnic.

Spending on periodicals also declined sharply, by 29 per cent in universities and 51 per cent in polytechnics. The London Business School spent £242 per student on periodicals.

pared with £11 at Birmingham Polytechnic. John Davies, the council's director, said: "With the expansion of higher education, we shouldn't be in a simultion where the libraries are this stretched for basic texts. The difficulty has been getting people to take action. The government says it's up to the funding councils and the

from the government."
Mr Davies said that the government's anamal allocation of £3 million to university libraries, earmarked for acquisition, had not arrested the general trend.

funding councils say there's

not enough money coming in

A companion survey comparing student book-buying in 1983 and 1991 said that the number of students buying recommended texts had declined from 92 per cent to 83 per cent, and that 56 per cent of students felt that they lacked adequate funds to buy books. Eighty per cent of university and polytechnic libraries reported that they stocked textbooks because students could not afford to

Mayfair pits its might against rail link plan

Residents of
London's richest
"village" have
been galvanised
into a protest
campaign, reports
John Young

MOGENS Hauschildt is a determined man. He is a Danish investment analyst who has lived in London "on and off" for 30 years and has spacious offices with a splendid view over Berkeley Square. He is particularly determined to prevent express trains from running impar Mayfair.

Clapham, former chairman of the Confederation of British Industry, Mr Hauschildt has launched a genteel but steadfast campaign to divert from Mayfair British Rail's proposed underground Crassrail scheme between Paddington and Liverpool Street stations.

This week, the Residents'
Association of Mayfair, of
which Mr Hauschildt is depmy chairman, and Sir Michael is chairman, held a meeting to protest about the noise
and disruption that would be
inflicted upon London's rich-

9.74%



Determined campaign: Sir Michael Clapham, residents' association chairman, in Hanover Square

est "village" by BR's plans.
Sixty residents and representatives of Mayfair's business community resolved to set up a working party to campaign against the Crossrail route.

Mr Hauschildt said: "We

found an awful lot of people were unaware of the scheme. We are going to start a campaign and join forces with a number of other opposing interests along the route.

direct from Paddington to Kings Cross and avoid the centre." Sir Michael, who lives in Hill Street, said that he would not be directly affected by the Crossrail, but several friends lived virtually

an, in Hanover Square

above the route and had
found that their houses were
now unsaleable.

A Mayfair residents' association may sound unlikely. It is hard to envisage grandees living near Claridge's, and who include dukes, entrepreneurs and foreign royalty, holding car boot sales and protest marches.

Mr Hauschildt does not see it that way. The association, he says, has nearly 1,000 members, has existed since 1974, and is recognised by Westminster city council as the voice of the population. At the end of the second world war, about 50,000 people lived in the area bounded by Park Lane, Piccadilly, Regent Street and Oxford Street. The number of households has since shrunk to about 1,800, perhaps 5,000 people.

haps 5,000 people.

Mr Hauschildt says one of the association's purposes is to campaign for restoration of local shops and other amenities that will prevent Mayfair becoming like the City of London, mainly deserted outside office hours.

"Despite organisations like the National Trust and all the rest, I think the British have a total contempt for their heritage," he said. He blames the granting of supposedly temporary permits for houses and flats to be used as offices, and what he describes as the greed of landlords seeking to maximise the use of available space at high rents.

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ource: University Funding Council and Council of Polytechnia Librariens

Drug user list rises to 20,820

The number of notified drug addicts rose by 17 per cent to 20,820 last year, according to Home Office figures published yesterday (Richard Ford writes).

There were a record 8,000 new notifications, which at 16 per cent was a slower rate of increase than in the previous year. The Home Office said that the rise in notifications might be the result of efforts to encourage addicts to seek help because of Alds. Of those registered, 12,800 were renotified addicts, an increase of 2,000 on 1990.

Police decision

The Metropolitan police yesterday said no action is to be taken against officers found by a jury to have assauhed and falsely imprisoned Marie Burke, aged 73, who on Thursday won damages of £50,000 against the force at Croydon county court. It said: "The matter has been investigated by the Complaints Investigation Bureau and no allegations against officers were substantiated."

Eubank charge

The boxer Chris Eubank will be charged with driving without due care and attention, police said. Mr Eubank, aged 25, was released on police bail after an accident last month in which Kevin Lawlor, aged 33, was killed while working at roadworks.

Beach threat

Some of Ireland's most beautiful beaches were last night polluted by thousands of balls of congealed oil. About 100 miles of coast from Co Kerry to Co Mayo have been affected. The oil, spilt at sea some months ago, is being cleared up and analysed to try to trace



The chough: search is on for nesting sites

Farmers help save rare crow

BY KERRY GILL

ISIAND farmers are being offered money to ensure the survival of the chough, a member of the crow family so rare in Britain that there are fewer of them than gold-

en eagles.

The Nature Conservancy Council for Scotland is paying up to £1,200 to each farmer prepared to leave disused attics, old barns and outhouse roofs with dry, hidden spaces for nesting choughs on the Inner Hehridean islands.

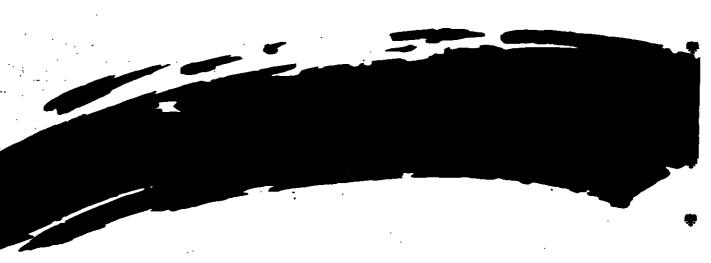
But the chough, distinguished by its glossy black coat and red beak and legs, remains threatened by the gradual disappearance of the cowpat, particularly during the winter months. The cowpat provides the chough with a staple diet of grubs, flies and ticks, which survive on and around the

dung as it rots.

Cattle now tend to be taken indoors during the coldest months leaving the chough without its natural diet. For young birds trying to develop their foraging skills, a lack of cowpats can be disastrous.

Choughs are birds of the Celtic fringe. They are still found on islands off the Scottish west coast, Wales, western Ireland, Brittany and the Outer Hebrides. They have, however, disappeared from Cornwali.

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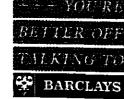
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Levitation

party's

campaign

takes off

By BILL FROST

Boundless bliss, good health for all, full em-

ployment and an economic

boom were dangled before

the electorate yesterday by a

cabinet-in-waiting made up

of men in grey suits with frightening fixed smiles.

The Natural Law party,

guru Maharishi Mahesh

Yogi, announced it was to contest all 651 constituen-

cies at the election. Each candidate will limber up

with a spot of Yogic-flying

or levitation to clear the

mind and counter cam-

paign fatigue.

Dr Geoffrey Clements,

party leader and proud owner of the most terrifying

smile on display at the man-ifesto launch, promised vot-

ers everything short of eter-nal life and Bentley Turbos

for all. "The ultimate goal of

the Natural Law party is for

everyone to enjoy heaven on

earth through the imple-mentation of his Holiness

the Maharishi's master

plan," he pronounced.

The fixed grins shared by his mystic politburo grew as

Dr Clements, aged 43, added: "Our first task on win-ning office will be to set up a national fulfilment pro-

Jeering protesters drive Major on to the offensive

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND ROBIN OAKLEY

THE party battle sharpened yesterday as the Tories accused Labour of being behind the rowdyism which prevented John Major speaking in Bolton on Thursday. Neil Kinnock said that personal attacks on him by Conservatives were a sign of

Senior Tories were privately delighted by the Bolton mobbing which they believed had stirred up Mr Major and put new mettle into the Conservative campaign. Norman Tebbit, the former party chairman, urged Mr Major to "let some of his dogs do more barking" and said: "He can't just be Mr Nice Guy".

Senior Conservatives, who had intended to keep Mr Major above the rougher exchanges during the campaign, now concede that he may have to engage in more hand-to-hand combat than they had intended. But they were relieved to find him cheered by the prospect.

Tory officials claimed yes-

terday that they had been told before Mr Major ever got to

⁶ Crime happens

because people are bad.

— John Patten,

Home Office minister

• People start being bad because

they don't get, guidance when

- John Patten,

6 On constitu-

tional issues we

trust him as far as

we could drop-kick

- Dafydd Wigley,

Plaid Cymru

president, on Neil

him.

they are young.

Bolton that Labour had prepared a rowdy reception. Mr Major told his London press conference: "What we saw in Bolton was the ugly, intolerant face of the Labour party a mob, obscene gestures, ugly chants and a return of the political flying picket."

Mr Kinnock, at Labour's

press conference, responded

to Mr Major's attacks on his changes of mind and inexperience in office, saying: "The concentration of the Tories, including nice Mr Major, on personal attacks is the strongest possible evidence of the poverty of their thinking, the paucity of their programme and the desperation of their tactics. Like me, the great majority of the British public will brush all that aside". The Tories , he said, were behaving like "the most rabid opposition". A Labour source said last night: "The government are trying to whip up excite-ment over the Bolton affair because of their desperate

Tory strategists believe the Bolton experience has helped

• She sounded

very clever. I think she knew what she

was talking about.

Michael Lesinge, aged 13, when Mrs Thatcher visited his

school science class

The inflation

figures are very

— John Major

6 These figures

must be a grave

disappointment for the government.

– Neil Kinnock

remarkable.

Mr Major to inject some zip into the Tory campaign. He surprised aides on Thursday night when he told them that he did not need to rehearse the speech he was shortly to deliver attacking Labour's

taxation package.

An hour earlier in Bolton town centre, jeering demon-strators had forced the abandonment of Mr Major's walkabout. It was a frightening experience. Anger at being railroaded out of town was combined with satisfaction that what he was to call "the ugly face of Labour that I hate" had shown itself. Mr Major, the politician, was quick to appreciate the ad-vantages of tarring Labour with the demonstration.

His aggression stoked up. he went to the hangar at Manchester airport to deliver Manchester airport to deliver a fighting speech that Tory strategists hope will help them turn the corner. The speech, meeting Mr Major's objective of exploiting John Smith's shadow budget tax increases, had been drafted on Tuesday by Nicholas True, a member of the Downing Street policy unit, following

guidelines set by Mr Major.
With Labour apparently
strengthening its position.
Mr Major's advisers were agreed it was time to turn up the heat. On Thursday, as they flew to Lancashire, Mr Major and his team began work on the text. One of the Labour leader's most remembered speeches was his 1983 tirade against Mrs Thatcher in which he warned people not to be sick, old or needy under the Tories. In the most quoted passage of his speech. Mr Major said that if there were a Labour government, "I warn you not to be ambi-tious. I warn you not to be qualified: I warn you not to be successful. I warn you not to save. I warn you not to buy a

pension. I warn you not to

own a home."



Looking back: Neil and Glenys Kinnock on a Labour podium. Bring back heckling and sponteneity, he says

Kinnock yearns for a heckler or two

By JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

NEIL Kinnock yesterday yearned for old-style campaigning where he could get up on his soap box and take on hecklers.

After yet another day of electioneering dictated by the cameras rather than the voters, Mr Kinnock said he longed to return to the days when speeches, targeted at various sections of the audience, wrote themselves after interjections from hecklers. Speaking in Cardiff, he laid the blame for screened, ticketed rallies, cordoned off pavements and increased security firmly at the door of the elec-

"My interest is spontaneity

opening the door for rallies and heckling. That sort of style suits me down to the ground. Unfortunately since the 1979 campaign onwards television makes an open door to people to demonstrate

and disrupt," he said. His first forray to meet the voters will be during two walkabouts in the safety of his own constituency today in Islwyn where he will meet his most loyal supporters. Yesterday, he condemned Mr Ma-jor's comments that Labour had hired a "rent a mob" for the anti-government protests during his walkabout in Bol-"The Tories have complete-

ly abandoned any kind of positive campaign and they are going for all the billious attacks," he said. "We will not trade insults and we will not respond in kind ". Mr Kinnock made it clear however that he did not condone what had happened in Bolton. "I think that on the streets, and I have experienced it myself. many politicians get mobbed. However I don't think that is

levolent attack." Despite his evident frustrations at being unable to get out and meet people. Mr Kinnock did conduct his first at the University Hospital of

any justification for any ma-

Wales, in Cardiff. He told junior doctors, nurses and midwives that Labour would provide incentives for hospitals to do more work and to increase standards. He said he would back a return to consensus management, rather than a return to the days when the medical profession had too much control, or more recently when managers dominated the service.

Dr Patrick Cartlidge, a consultant paediatrician sporting a blue Tory rosette, criticised Labour's health plans. "I think the last thing we need is another change of emphasis and a different road for management."

and writing off most of those above that figure. With Mr

curling scorn for the

achievements of Tory govern-ment and the misery induced

by the recession, Labour has

been able to present itself as the party which will do some-thing. Its press conferences

are slick and carefully

themed. But the party is still prone to muddle over its spending commitments as with Mr Hattersley's gaffette

The Liberal Democrats in-triguingly have held their position in the opening week,

not, suffering the squeeze that many expected. This is only the first week, and an

untypical week at that. But

what we know now is that Labour has developed the

confidence that it can go all

the way to a record-breaking eight per cent swing for

on water privatisation.



can reach their full poten ial. We respect and admire the other parties but something deeper is needed to Stress suffering and failure would be banished by the Natural Law party. Huge tax cuts would be made as the economy flourished like never before, war and crime would disappear Kinnock doing what he does best, stomping platforms around the country with lipfor ever and vegetable oil would replace fossil fuels to reduce pollution. By now, Dr Clements's grey-suited followers on the platform were sporting expressions of unadulterated ecstasy.

> hinged on The Unified
> Field theories of quantum physics said another smiling man in a grey suit point-ing at a bafflingly complex chart explaining the mysteries of the universe. "You will find it is all very simple." One of the prospective candidates at campaign headquarters at Mentmore, Buckinghamshire, revealed the secrets and benefits of Yogic-flight but declined to demonstrate. "When one

possible to fly unlimited."

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Tory dogs of war continue to hound Labour's budget

week, after two opinion polls had given Labour a five-point lead that, it was time for the Tories to let loose the dogs of war. When I asked the prime minister on Wednesday what dogs he had to hand he

would not name any.

Instead he barked himself,
setting about John Smith's
shadow budget on Thursday
as a "devil's cocktail of incompetence and malice", portraying 16 months of world statesmanship com-pared with Neil Kinnock's inexperience and turning. back on Labour's leader his famous warning not to be old or sick or unemployed under

the Tories. If there were ever to be a Labour government, said Mr Major: "I warn you not to be ambitious, I warn you not to be qualified, I warn you not to be successful."

A sign of desperation, said Mr Kinnock yesterday, Not so. It was a sign that at long last we had a real election on our hands, with Labour's leader too in irrepressibly good form as he mocked Mr Major's talk of the Tories building foundations: "Foundations? I know Rome wasn't hall in day Bru offer this built in a day. But after thir-teen years, foundations...?"

Labour has had the best of the first week and the Tories know it. John Smith's shadow budget on Monday was an effective public relations coup, planting widely the thought that eight out of ten electors would benefit from Labour's tax changes. The unemployment figures on Thursday kept ministers on the defensive and the taxation themes that the Tories are hammering stayed stubbornly low in the opinion poll tables of issues causing vot-

ers concern. Tory officials were reduced to pointing out 'yesterday that at this stage in the 1987 election they hadn't even begun campaigning. They didn't need to. At this stage in the 1987 election they had a 12 point lead. Meanwhile, the prime minister promised to go on and on and on: about Labour's taxation plans that

The battle of the manifestoes had proved a draw. The vast Tory offering, crammed with detail but lacking im-

By ROBEN OAKLEY

pact, was busy but uninspir-ing. Labour's safety first effort, telling us as much what the party wouldn't be doing as what it would, was bland and predictable.

With the country stock in recession Mr Kinnock offers action and movement while the Tories are stuck with waiting for a confidence fac-tor which will not show until after an election. They are concentrating all their efforts on two themes-John Major's leadership and Lahour's taxation plans.

The problem with the Tories' strategy is that they had to begin deploying it back in January to stop Labour mov-

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ing away to an unassailable lead then. Now the endless assaults on Labour's tax plans, which drew blood with the dropping of the savings tax, sound jaded, even if Mr Smith's shadow budget has given them a new focus. The media have heard it all

before. The Tories' own budget has been forgotten and everything is now being pinned on the Tory belief that the country will prefer John Major to Neil Kinnock and that Mr Smith has overdone his tax raids on the middle class, middle income

The new phase which began yesterday is seeking to convince the eighty per cent who do gain under Mr Smith's plans that they will gain only a few pence, while Labour's spending plans will drive up interest rates and kill off jobs. It is a strategy of "Don't vote Labour because

things will get even worse". But Labour, too, has gam-bled that in aiming for the £10,000 to £20,000 earners

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MATTHEW PARRIS

Paddy takes the high ground in Militant country

"OOPS! Something's just the other woman? giggled come flying out of the one lady, more in excitement

Something had. From which floor of the Shiel flats towering above us, was uncertain. Militant was strong here. Many windows dis-played "Vote Terry Fields" posters. "I think we'd better not look at it," said a tactful Mrs Rawsthorne, of the residents' association. "They've already churked a couple of milk bottles from the top floor," Rosemary Cooper's

agent had told me.
I was in Liverpool, Broadgreen. Rosemary Cooper is the Liberal Democrat challenger to not one but two "Labour" candidates: the official one, plus the infa-mous Terry Fields: militant sympathiser, poll tax jail-hird and for pine war bird, and for nine years Broadgreen's Labour MP. Expelled from his party. Fields's posters still call him "Labour". Yesterday morning was the Terry vs Rosie

And Paddy was imminent. Paddy was pausing to pose with Rosie. Sheltering from missiles, I chatted with a tiny band of residents hoping to meet him. "Do you all live here?

"We exist here," said Mrs Rawsthorne — tiny, neat, dressed as for church. She, Mrs Whitfield, Mrs Graham and her son Gary, described the hazards. There are junkies here," Mrs Rawsthorne said.

"And plonkies," (alcoholics) added Mrs Graham: "I caught one urinating on my door. Complain, and they threaten to put your win-

"The caretaker collects needles off the ground every morning," said Gary.

There's a schizophrenic, said Mrs Whitfield. "You see that man there?" — the Liberal agent pointed to a gnome-like figure in a red cap delivering Terry Fields leaflets — "he was thrown out for keeping 12 alsatians. and shovelling the *** off his seventh floor balcony-

"Five alsatians," said Mrs "and three Graham,

These were decent people, trapped in a nightmare. We Times readers insist that the homeless be housed but that they are not housed next door to us. "The homeless are not respectable people." said Mrs Rawsthorne, despairingly, as the "some-

thing" hit the ground. What did they expect of Paddy? "Shall we ask about

JOHN Major yesterday de-

fended the government's han-dling of the nation's finances in the wake of Margaret

Thatcher's warning about the

Mr Major insisted that the

shock rise in the public sector

borrowing requirement to £28 billion did not herald a

spending surge and that the PSBR might return to surplus. The key policy is this:

we intend to retain prudent control over public expendi-

ture and public finances and keep them in balance over the

"We are aiming to get back towards balance and to bal-

ance and no doubt when we get to the top of the business

cycle again, we may even move back into surplus," he

said, as he was questioned

about Mrs Thatcher's speech

to her Finchley constituency on Thursday night in which she extolled the virtues of

good housekeeping in mat-ters of national finance. "I'll tell you what sound

finance means," she said. "It

means living within your means. It's a concept well known to families and busi-

nesses and it should be very

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and spending.

business cycle.

about Paddy, but we'll vote for Rosie Cooper if she shows her face here. And in

all honesty she does."

The big yellow double decker bus arrived. It could have been from another suits, men with cameras and big, fluffy mikes, switten around it. My little group, theoretically the reason for all this, felt completely superfluous. Mr. Ashdown emerged from the melec and plunged towards us.

Animated cartoons, they

say, are just a series of still that eye and brain interpret it as movement. Mr Ashdown proceeds like this: from pose to pose, at terrific pace. A handshake here, an arm on a shoulder there, and then a quick, visionary glance into the middle dis-tance, eyes narrowed like a ship's captain. Rosic. a large, motherly figure with a Liverpool accent, seemed more real. I had the impression that she knows Broadgreen and Broadgreen

Paddy needed coaching. Achieving five handshakes and "hiyahs" in as many seconds, he asked: "Now you're the ones that are hop-ing to be rehoused . . . "
"Sorry, Paddy, no," Rosie interrupted, "these are the

ones who are worried about

security, and lifts."
"Ah. Lifts." (Brainwave! "Let's try the stairs." Off and upwards stormed our paratrooper, Fleet Street's best panting behind. Rosie tried the lift. "I got stuck in this for half an hour once," she said, as the doors closed.

Paddy's visit to the ninth floor was accomplished with military precision. Every so often he would stop, turn to the cameras, freeze, and say something quotable.

There's only one party
that's ever tried to do anything for the people of Liverpool ..." then jerk forward again. Minutes later he was

back in the bus with entouto postures new. Once more into the preach, dear friends.

But someone was missing Where was Rosie? Mrs Rawsthorne guessed immediately. There was a shriek of delight from a blonde girl with tattoos, delivering Terry Fields leafiets. Rosie Cooper was stuck in

well known to governments too. It means having to say no

to some public expenditure that takes you over your top

Mr Major told a London press conference that the

PSBR of 4.5 per cent of gross

domestic product was less

than that in Germany or

America. It had arisen because Exchequer revenues had been depressed by the recession, but they would re-

vive once the consumer and

housing markets picked up. Maintaining the pressure on Labour's tax plans, Nor-man Lamont, the Chancellor,

accused John Smith, his counterpart, of producing a "Polo mint budget" because the gains were so tiny. "Most

of the so-called 'gainers' gain a pathetic 2p a week, or the

price of a Polo mint. But the

millions of losers, including

those with personal pensions,

pay through the nose."
Paddy Ashdown predicted last night at his adoption meeting in Yeovil, Somerset

that Britain's economic

plight could become catastrophic under a Conservative

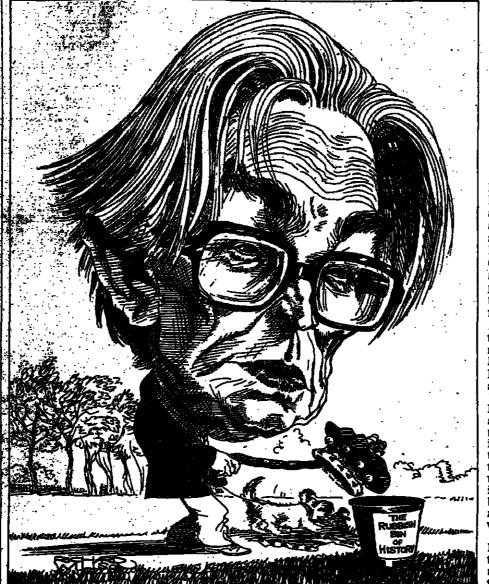
or Labour government. Only the Liberal Democrats would

tell voters the truth.

Major defends high

borrowing policy

By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT



Retiring Foot says he would refuse peerage

BY ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

MICHAEL Foot, the former Labour leader, will not accept a peerage after the election and follow Harold Wilson and Jim Callaghan to the House of Lords, he tells Channel 4's A Week in Politics today. He will be the first postwar Labour leader to retire from the Commons and not go to the Lords.

Mr Foot, who retired from the Commons this week after representing Plymouth Devonport from 1945-55, Ebbw Vale from 1960-83 and Blaenau Gwent from 1983, says: "I think the House of Lords ought to be abolished and I don't think the best way for me to abolish it is to go there myself. I know there to finish it off — and that is a very tempting offer, if it were ever to be made to me, but I have got some other more important business I would like to transact."

A much-loved figure in the Labour party, Mr Foot says that he would prefer to speak at Hyde Park Corner than in the Lords. Labour is now

with a new elected second chamber which will have the power to delay for the lifetime of a parliament change to designated legislation reducing individual or constitutional rights. In his interview Mr Foot

recalls Remembrance Sunday in 1981, when as party leader he was criticised for his dress at the Cenotaph wreathlaying. He says: "I did have some trouble at the Cenotaph because people thought I was wearing a donkey jacket or something that was disre-spectful to the Queen. As a matter of fact, when I left the place and went back into the Foreign Office with my jacket on, the Queen Mother said to me: 'That's a nice jacket you have got on. It is nice to have a nice warm one on a cold day like this'."

At the time Mrs Thatcher was in a black coat and David Steel, then Liberal leader, was in morning dress. That month (November 1981) a Gallup poll gave him the lowest popularity rating of any opposition leader since poll-

Guildford counts on success

Guildford, the first constitu-ency to declare its result in 1983, is hoping to be first again on April 9. It was second to Torbay in 1987 but a change of count venue makes another win unlikely for the Devon seat. Staff from banks, building societies and insurance firms will count ballot papers nationwide.

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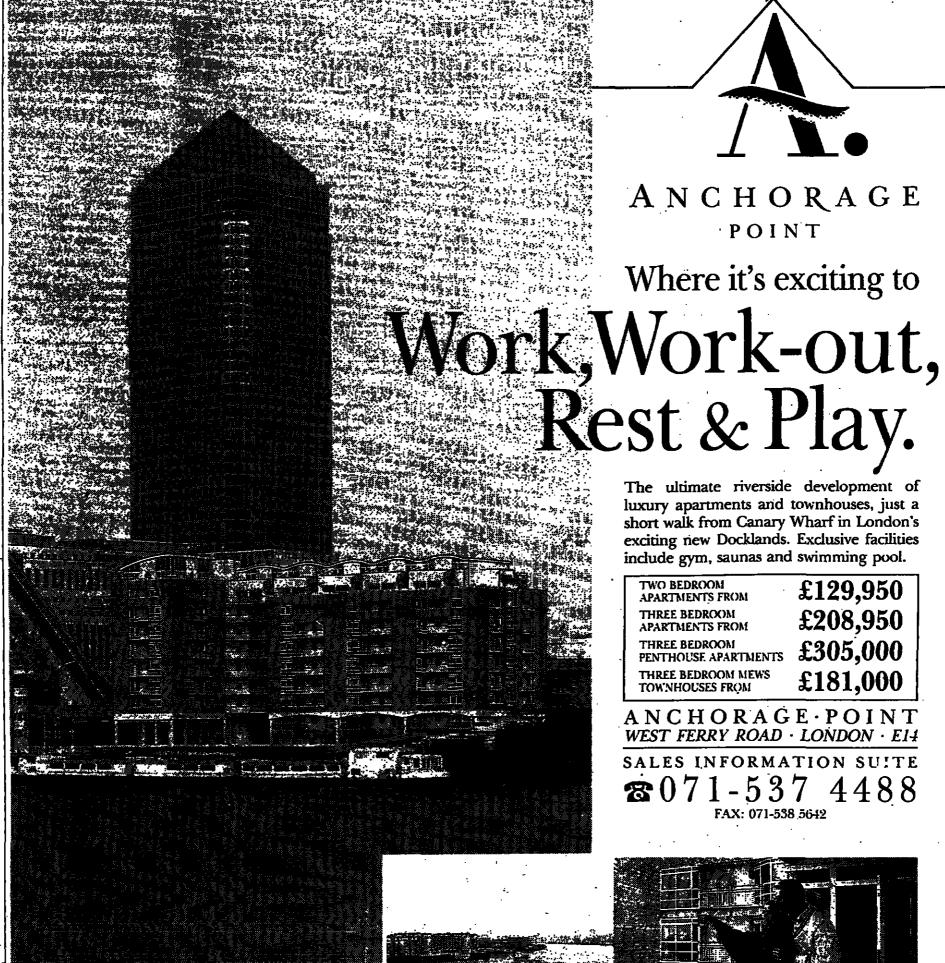
Michael Heseltine faces Henley. Alan Plane, aged 67 an oil consultant, is standing as Anti-Heseltine Keep Britain Independent. In 1990 the local party was split over the environment secretary's role in Margaret Thatcher's

Office burgled

The offices of Tony Favell, a Tory defending his seat in Stockport, Cheshire, were ransacked yesterday. Thieves took the local party's computer containing membership details and the telephone lines were cut.

Greens ousted

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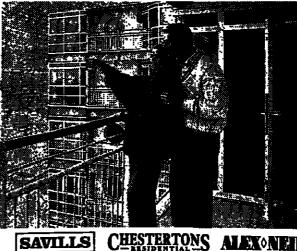
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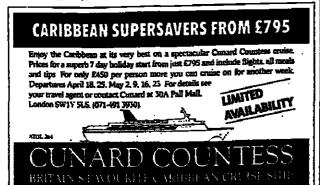
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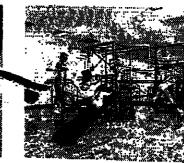
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Coe runs up against distrust of outsiders

BY KATE MUTR

AT number 10 Station Road, a woman in lilac carpet slippers stepped forth. "Bigheads from London", she said ges turing at Sebastian Coe and his team, "should stay there with their handbags full of

Mr Coe, who did not have a handbag, looked bemused. "I'm 84," she shouted in his ear, "and I want £10 a week more on my pension." Mr Coe offered her his hand, then his condolences, and

Such encounters canvassing the Cornwall village of Cambrae do not bode well for the prospective Conservative candidate for Camborne and Falmouth, especially when he is more used to requests for

signed photographs.

But beauty and Olympic prowess are to no avail when your predecessor takes to the pages of the local paper to say: "This government is probably good for Britain. but it isn't good for Com-wall." With impeccable timing, the comment of David Mudd, the present Conserva-tive MP, coincided with Mr Coe's campaign launch yesterday. The outgoing MP is offering his services as a campaigner to other Tories out-

side Cornwall. Mr Coe seemed unflus-tered. "Mudd is rather a mayerick, you know," he said of the man who campaigned against the poll tax and re-signed the Whip. Maverick or not, he has put a spanner in

the Coe campaign.

Despite a 5,039 majority, Mr Coe, aged 35, is fighting hard, on 300 doorsteps a day. He moved "almost full-time" to the constituency three years ago but many people still describe him as a foreigner, or an "emmet", which also means ant in Cornish. People thought I was being handed a safe, quiet rural seat three years ago, but this is a marginal, it was five years ago, and it's more so this time round," he said.

That the citizens of Falmouth and Camborne ever elected a Conservative is surprising. Male unemployment per cent, and the high streets look gap-toothed, with shops

A RECORD E5 million will

be bet on the general election

as bookmakers revel in the

most competitive poll since

1974. The close run between

the Conservative and Labour

parties has delighted the

bookmakers because they

benefit when the odds are

more evenly balanced and

because public interest is stimulated, leading to a great-

It is a far cry from the 1983

and 1987 elections when

some of the big three book-

making chains. Ladbroke,

Coral and William Hill

stopped taking money on a

er volume of bets.

shut and darkened by the recession. Only one tin mine, South Crofty, is left and it has a skeleton staff. Voters like Martin Brown, a Redruth taxi driver in his forties, who has voted Tory all his life, are wavering. "Business is the worst I've seen in ten years" driving. I'm looking to the Liberal Democrats now."

The Liberal Democrats have fielded Terrye Jones, the district council chairman, and Labour have selected school teacher John Cosgrove Both are locals. Mr Cosgrove and his team describe Mr Coe as "a millionaire up-country carpetbagger" and make much of the fact that the headquarters of his sportswear business is

in Surrey.
One of the local newspaper editors, who would not be named fearing for his impartial reputation, likened the situation to sending an Englishman to a Scottish constituency. "It's wealth comes west, isn't it? Mudd was a local boy with a large person-al following of all shades, and I fear Seb Coe doesn't fully appreciate the depth of the ssion here."

Mr Coe is perhaps an undeserving target. He cannot be faulted for hard work, local knowledge, or his ability to exude sympathy. "A lot was made of my roots in the early days, but I've been working here for two or three years and found a great deal of hospitality. This is a place of unique beauty, but also of unique difficulty."

Faced with an economic disaster area he blamed the decline of Cornish industry in the last 90 years rather than the last ten. The word "unemployment" only merits one mention in the four-page Conservative Listener he pushes through the doors of ex-mining cottages, peopled by ex-miners.

1987 result: WD Mudd (C) 23,725 (43.9%); JC Marks (SDP/All) 18,686 (34.6%); J Cosgrove (Lab) 11,271 (20.9%); F Zapp (Loony) 373 (0.7%). C maj 5,039 (9.3%).

Bookies cheer on all parties

By JOHN GOODBODY

Tory victory before cam-paigning had finished. "There are very sophisticat-

ed punters involved," said Graham Sharpe of William

Hill. "You have to be on your guard, particularly when the

betting is on the results in individual constituencies."

It is here that bookmakers

have to be careful, as there is a

lot of specialist knowledge. "If

someone comes into a shop

and puts down £1,000 on one

of the smaller parties, the

alarm bells start to ring." Mr

The odds are set partly on knowledge, particularly the

Sharpe said.



Ladies' choice: Ann Widdecombe, left, Paula Yates, Penny Kemp and Anne Logan, who are contesting the Maidstone seat, in a four-cornered, all-female campaign

A fair fight for seat

IN A parliamentary first, voters in Maidstone, Kent. will find that all three main parties as well as the Greens, have selected women candidates for the election on April 9.

The seat has been held by the formidable Ann Widdecombe, aged 44, undersecretary of state at the Department of Social Security and one of the first ways to be proposted by women to be promoted by John Major.

Her rivals are no less daunting: Liberal Democrat Paula Yates, aged 44, for-mer leader of Maidstone borough council and mother of four, Labour's Anne Logan, aged 34, a senior history lecturer with a three-yearold daughter, and the Green's Penny Kemp, aged 42, former co-chair of the Green party and mother of

Miss Widdecombe, the anti-abortion campaigner and former vice-chairman of Women and Families against Defence, a counterorganisation to CND, said yesterday: "I don't think of myself as a woman, but let's lised fight than usual."

opinion polls, and partly on the amount of money being

laid out by punters. Dave Brown of William Hill com-

pares setting the odds to mak-

ing a market in the City. "We

read the information and

then set the odds. It is then a

matter of supply and demand."

mood started about 10 days

before polling day when the bookmakers sensed that Lab-our knew it would not win.

"Once that mood took hold, it

snowballed and two days be-

fore the election we stopped taking bets," he said.

Before the 1987 election, a

Star quality counts as voters prove elusive

'HELLO, we'll be calling on

you during the election." said

Oliver Letwin, the chirpy Conservative candidate for

Hampstead and Highgate to a wary lady outside Water-stone's book store yesterday. "Oh, will you? I live in

It's an easy mistake. Even

pros make them. Letwin was

tramping Hampstead High

Street, northwest London,

with Norman Tebbit, who

showed a knack for homing

in on Americans, Swedes,

anyone but Hampstead vot-

ers. If he is short of cash in

retirement, Tebbit could get a

job as one of those people who patrol Oxford Street finding

foreigners to sign up for Eng-

Letwin, who once worked

as a policy advisor to Marga-

ret Thatcher, had even per-suaded his old boss to turn up

yesterday to shake hands with

party workers. The visit again

showed that, compared to

Labour, the Tories really

know how to stage a speciacular show, including dramatic

which is odd considering the Labour candidate in Hamp-

stead is Glenda Jackson, who

has even longer experience of

pretending to be the queen

The reason for pulling the

stops out is that although

Letwin will make a fine

enough successor to Sir Geof-

frey Finsberg, who has occupied the seat for the Tories

since 1970, the majority is

slim. Just 2,221. And Jackson

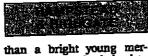
might seem to appeal more

readily to the Hampstead set

than Mrs Thatcher.

lish language courses.

Surrey," she replied.



chant banker who helped to devise the poll tax. The poll tax still haunts

Letwin. The constituency headquarters in Swiss Cottage were ringed by drumbeating poll-tax protesters yesterday to greet the two visiting stars. Tebbit was happy to deal with them himself — "You've done your bit children, now get back to the nursery" — but police made four arrests and disbanded the crowd before Mrs Thatcher arrived. She was thus spared their repeated

1987 result: Sir Geoffrey Finsberg (C) 19,236 (42.5%); P.J. Turner (Lab) 17,015 (37.6%); Mrs A. Sofer (SDP/All) 8,744 (19.3%); G. Weiss (Rainbow) 137 (0.3%); Ms S. Ellis (Humanist) 134

chants of Tory scum', a depressing indictment of the state of British education: do anti-poll-tax protesters still lack the imagination or access to a thesaurus to find an alternative to "scum" to describe all Conservatives?

Mrs Thatcher emerged from her Jaguar in a purple dress and matching shawl, waved to the press and to the screaming schoolgirls from South Hampstead High. whose playground overlooks the Tory's headquarters, and swept in to inspire local party

activists. Among the media posse was Bob Hawke, the former Australian premier, who is covering the election for Australian television but may have just popped over to see how deposed prime ministers behave. Letwin, who grew up in Hampstead, is polite but curt about Jackson: "She's im-

mensely eloquent and concentrates on sob stories and I concentrate on policies. I think we probably have a higher level of debate here than you get in many constit-uencies. You get a very bright and questioning audience."

and questioning audience."
He sees many of Labour's policies as "Neanderthal".
John Smith's shadow budget as "a joke" and cajoles Hampstead voters by asking, "How would you feel about your country being run like Cambeen council?", which is Labour-you Labour-run. Jackson agrees that in joint

public meetings between Hampstead's candidates. we've all been meticulously colite. But he is a radical free marketeer ... 'Get them out, hearing on the street." Jackson wears no make-up

on the campiagn trail, dresses simply and avoids any allusion to showbiz, to acting and to Oliver Reed. She needs only a 2.4 per cent swing to win. "I've never been so ashamed of being English in my life as I have over the past five years," she said. "That is what led me from being a devoted Labour party worker

to being a candidate. But she cannot help starstruck commuters, streaming out of Belsize Park tube station, from asking for her autograph. Tourists take photographs. She looks relaxed and skilful. It is fashionable to sneer at actors who enter politics but there can be few better preparations than the theatre for a career that requires you to make the same speech to voter after voter but to make it sound fresh and believable every

time. Newspapers even write up your performance. But she still lacks Tebbit's touch. On the High Street he tells a Labour voter that Neil Kinnock admitted this week that he had lied about his views on Europe in 1983. How do we know what this unprincipled man is lying about this time? asked Norman. "Actually, my mum works for Neil Kinnock." **AMERICAN VIEW**

Duchess eclipses news of election

paign has been much less interesting to Americans than the problems of the Duke and Duchess of York.

No one ever said that making a British election seem gripping to Americans caught up in their own elec-tion would be easy. The pass-ing of Margaret Thatcher. the end of the Cold War, and the transformation of the Labour party from the far-left fringe to the political centre all make it difficult.

Five years ago, the Reagan administration saw disaster in the prospect of Neil Kinnock becoming prime minister. Today, President Bush has made clear his personal loyalty to John Major, be-cause he knows him better than he knows Mr Kinnock. But it would not be the end of the world for him if Mr Major lost. The American embassy here has been culti-vating Labour as assiduously as the Conservatives, inviting the Kinnocks and their entourage to a dinner on March 4 that should have put the Lab-

standing in Washington if he had doubts. But whoever succeeds, is the country going to change fundamentally? Not if Labour's mainstream manifesto is a guide to what it would do in office. There will be no return to the trade union legislation of the 1970s." it says. Ballots before strikes and for union elections will stay.

There will be no mass or flying pickets." Nor if the Conservatives do what they say they are going to do. Both manifestos seem designed to reassure the voters of stability

in future, once the recession ends, rather than to rally them around radical causes.

With their own campaign to worry about, Americans have little interest in British politics. Craig Whitney writes

So what is left? Taxes mainly. American interest in who pays what rate of British income tax is about as great as British interest in how much Americans pay, though this may change for expatriate American business executives when their companies discover that most would have to pay 59 pence in the pound if Labour won.

On personalities, neither Mr Kinnock nor Mr Major is as vivid a character as Mrs Thatcher. Mr Major's egalitarian style is attractive to Americans, but he is not as well known to most as she is.

Most reporters for the British "quality" papers are English, and Oxbridge besides. In much of what they write about the Welsh leader, there seems more than a hint of "What should one expect from a graduate in industrial relations at University College, Cardiff, in a thin year?" one commentator wrote, perhaps ironically, a few years ago. Mr Major's educational background, or rather the lack of it, levels the playing field somewhat.

There may be an American influence that has escaped attention, one that could yet make this the "khaki election" Mr Major forswore a year ago: little noticed by the British press, American B-52 bombers returned early this month to RAF Fairford. They are here for Teamwork 92, a Nato exercise which is scheduled to end next Wednesday. Thursday is the United Nations deadline for Iraq to come up with a plan for destroying equipment and buildings used to construct and repair its banned ballistic missiles. According to American officials, the Pentagon has given Mr Bush a list of targets for a graduated Iraq to destroy the remaining major weapons installations. Foreign policy has not been much of an issue so far in the

election. Before the campaign ends, foreign policy could become a big issue. Craig Whitney is London bu-

reau chief of The New York

Another bullseye. MEDIAWATCH by Brian MacArthur

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were negotiating a separation. Only Today managed a small single col-

loids are read by more than 25 million voters, the question posed by the tabloid treatment of the royal story — and acknowledged in the statement from Buckingham Palace that media speculation was "especially undesirable" during an election — was whether the Tories or Labour had benefitted from the

obliteration of the election. There was no doubt in Fleet Street yesterday that it was the

doing well and the Tories were now stronger for the breathing space that had allowed them to reconsider their election strategy. Yet the main reason, as Charles

their front pages, though they would have been relieved to switch Guardian. The Independent and

the FT still led on unemployment. That view was shared by Sir Nicholas Lloyd, editor of the Daily Express, who noted cynically that the unemployment figures would other-wise have dominated the television news bulletins (ITN and the BBC led both evening news programmes with the Fergie, relegating the election to second place).

Many tabloid editors, says Peter Preston, editor of The Guardian. have probably already reached that moment of an election where they have to grit their teeth even to put the election on the front page - and they were hardly like to relish the prospect of front pages with head-lines such as "Major's Jobless

For Sir Nicholas, however, yester-day's news on inflation was going to be a clear winner over Fergie. The be a clear winner over Fergie. The to "slagging off" Labour or "fabri-defeat of inflation was a positive cating" hostile news stories.

story, he said, and he was planning to make that his main front page lead this morning. At The Sun. Fergie will still be on the front page this morning and not only because of a belief that readers are sick and tired of politics. "The royal ratpack could never even have made up a story like this," my mole said. "It's the most dramatic story about the

royal family since the abdication." Labour media strategists were less certain that the Tories had benefitted. Although the impact of the unemployment figures would have been greater had they been the first item of news, said one, the story had not been wiped off the news agenda and ITN and the BBC had covered the jobless story fully. Front pages devoted to Fergie might otherwise have been devoted

Star turn: Margaret Thatcher plays her part in the Hampstead and Highgate campaign Royal separation sends election news into exile Tories who had been favoured. One Queen puts knife into Fergie. Knifed. Queen sends Fergie into exile — all six front pages of the reason was that Labour had been

national tabloid newspapers were devoted yesterday to the story of the Queen's "declaration of war" on the Duchess of York after the announcement that she and the Duke

umn on the election on the front. Given that the mass market tab-

Moore, deputy editor of The Daily Telegraph, pointed out, was that the Fergie story had taken off the front pages the worst headline of the week for the Tories, the highest level of unemployment since 1987. Even the Tory tabloids might have been forced to mention that on

in later editions to John Major's fighting attack on Labour policies in his evening speech at Man-chester — which pushed the jobless story from the main to the second lead in The Times, though The

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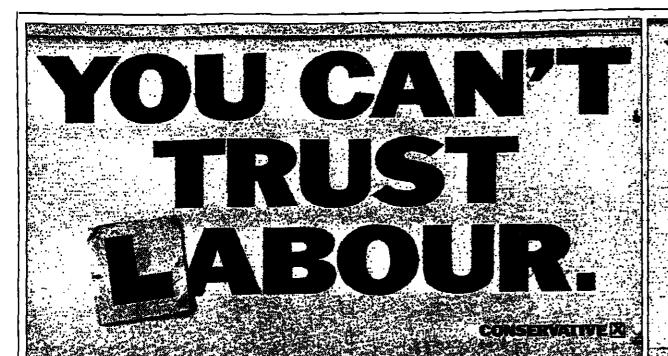
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Now you T it, now you don't: the Tory poster before the vandals got to it, left, and, right, the poster conveys the opposite message after a quick cut-and-paste job on the apostrophe and the T

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LABOUR THREAT TO LONDON'S MARGINALS

ADVERTISING hoardings bear ing the Conservative slogan:
"You can't trust Labour" are
being turned to Labour's advantage in one of the cheekier displays of enterprise of the election campaign. Armed with white paper, paste and not a little nerve, opponents of the Tories are covering over the T to leave the poster bearing the message

Vandals take the Tout of Tory poster campaign

"You can trust Labour". Labour's headquarters in Wal-worth Road quickly distanced itself from such activities. "This is crimmal damage, plain vandal-ism, and we obviously do not support it," a spokesman said. "I am aware that this has been going on because there is one of those posters just 100 yards from Walworth Road at Elephant and Castle and that has been changed." Asked if Labour party support-

ers were behind the campaign, she said: "I take it it is not members of the Conservative party, but there is nothing to say it is Labour party members ei-ther. For all we know it could be someone out to discredit the

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up the posters as part of a £20 million campaign strategy, have set up a "hottine" to receive reports of where and when post-ers have been changed so they

Labour party. It wouldn't be the can reinstate the displaced first time." The Tories, who put apostophe and letter T. Imperial Tobacco has donated about 2,000 poster hoarding sites nationwide to the Tories free of charge until April 9. The party has 5,000 sites in all. A

tral office confirmed that the posters were being changed back but refused to discuss the cost of reinstating defaced posters.

Labour has taken 2,500 sites

in the run-up to the election. A fund-raising memorandum from Larry Whitty to party members says each prime site in a marginal constituency will cost £800.

Tories dispute local finance figures

Gould dismisses fear of spending bonanza

By Nicholas Wood, political correspondent figures were meaningless be-

cause Labour would abolish

THE discipline of annual council elections would help to keep rates bills in check once capping had been abolished by a Labour govern-ment, Bryan Gould said yesterday. .

Unveiling new figures comparing Labour's property-based "fair rates" proposals with the government's alter-natives, Labour's environment spokesman said that the bill for the average family in the coming year would be £168 less than under the poll tax and £114 less than under the Conservatives' council tax replacement. The council tax. due to be introduced next year, is also property-based. but with a 25 per cent discount for people living alone. Mr Gould denied that his capping and give councils a free hand to set bills. "You either believe in local government democracy or you do not," Mr Gould said. "We intend to strengthen that local democracy by ensuring that the voters, in annual elections, will be able to give their judgment on the spending, service plans and performance of their councils." Labour wants a proportion of each council's seats to be up for election annually.

Mr Gould ruled out a spending bonanza for local government. He would keep a "very tight rein" on local authorities to make sure that their Whitehall grant was kept under control.

Ashdown promises £1.2bn for new homes

THE Liberal Democrats pledged yesterday to invest £1.2 billion in providing new benefits system would be reformed to aid those seeking rents and deposits. "The specpledged yesterday to invest £1.2 billion in providing new homes for rent and encourage ing more new housing through a partnership be-tween the private and public

Paddy Ashdown also promised that no present recipient of mortgage tax relief would be out of pocket under Liberal Democrat proposals even though the party eventually wants to replace mortgage interest tax relief with extra help for first time buyers and

People facing repossession would be helped by lenders being encouraged to convert mortgages into rents. The

tre of homelessness now stalks Britain as much as unemployment," Mr Ashdown said in London yesterday.

"Ever-growing unemploy-ment is depressing the hous-ing market, and the depressed housing market is undermining the confidence needed for an economic recovery."
Mark Hayes, chairman of

the party's housing policy panel, outlined the aim to provide cheap, high-quality housing for rent and for sale through a partnership between the public and private

Phyllis Starkey, Labour leader of Oxford city council, supporting Mr Gould, said that this year the government had set the budget for every council in the country. "Central planning has been given up in eastern Europe, but seems to be flourishing in this country," she said.
David Blunkett, Labour's

iocal government spokesman. said that Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, had opposed capping while a backbencher. Mr Heseltine had written in The Times in 1990 that if the government set a capping level, those below it spent up to it.

The Conservatives disputed Mr Gould's figures. Michael Portillo, local government minister, said they were 'sourious in the extreme" and contained five fundamental errors. "Everyboo knows that if capping is abolished, local spending will soar sky high," he said.

Mr Gould said that the £114 additional cost of the Tory council tax comprised £11 for administration, £21 to make up collection losses, £29 to pay for the transitional relief scheme easing the switch from the old rating system to the poll tax, and £53 for the single-person

Mr Portillo said that Mr Gould's talk of average fair rates bills being lower than average council tax bills was "mathematical nonsense". To raise the same sum from the same number of houses required the same average bill. "There are 18.9 million properties in England and this year we need to raise £6.8 billion, so the average per household is £360."

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14 Southwark and Bermondsey 9 Lewisham West 15 Woolwich 10 Streatham Crucial fight: the seats said to be vulnerable to a 6 per cent swing to Labour

Labour leads in marginals

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY

LABOUR has taken a threepoint lead in key Conservative marginal constituencies they need to win to form the next government, according to a poll released last night. The six per cent swing to Labour in the London seats, however, would not be enough to give Neil Kinnock an overall majority in the next parliament. The London Weekend Tele-

vision-Harris poll, conducted for The London Programme, covered all 21 Tory marginal constituencies in the capital and put Labour 43 per cent, ahead of the Conservatives (40), Liberal Democrats (12) and "others" (6). The poll suggested that the

swing would give Labour at launch of the Tories' manifes-least 12 seats, including a win to for London, which critifor Glenda Jackson over the Tory candidate Oliver Letwin in Hampstead and Highgate, in northwest London. If voting followed the lines of poll-ing the Lewisham West seat of John Maples, the Treasury economic secretary, would go to Labour, as would Streatham, Hornsey and Wood Green, Battersea and Dulwich. Other Labour targets, including Mitcham and Morden, Kensington and the last general election.

Marginal seats in the capi-

Putney would remain Tory. Mistrust of far-left Labour councils remains an important issue for London voters. says the poil. More than half questioned agreed with the statement that Labour's local government record was "ex-treme and inefficient". Min-isters, led by Michael Heseltine, the environment to make local government in London an important election issue, citing Labour London boroughs' spending

record. Field work for the polls was completed before yesterday's cised Labour plans for an elected Greater London authority and instead proposes a Cabinet sub-committee to co-ordinate London policy.
The results come a month after unpublished Conservative Central Office surveys showed that the Tories' grip on London was slipping, giv ing them only a 2.6 per cent lead in seats where they beat Labour into second place in

tal are considered a crucial battleground for the main parties in this campaign. Labour said last night that the swing indicated by the poll would also give the party three Liberal Democrat seats in the capital, in Woolwich. Greenwich and Southwark and Bermondsey. The poll was carried out among 865 voters during March 15-18.

If A poll of polls published by the Evening Standard put Labour two points ahead yesterday. Results: Labour 41 Secondly, said Labour, they had rejected the unrealistic per cent, Conservatives 39, and Liberal Democrats, 16.8.

Figures and facts juggled in battle of the council bill

By Douglas Broom

CALCULATING machines assumption behind the govhad a tough day yesterday as Labour and the Conservatives traded figures and accusations over the relative merits

of their local tax plans.
Bryan Gould began it all with his assertion that the "typical" household would be £114 a year better off under Labour's fair rates than under the Tories' proposed council tax. The claim was based on his figure for an "average" council tax bill of £504 per property in England, compared to an average fair rates bill of £390.

Michael Portillo, the local government minister, con-fronted with the figures on breakfast radio, described them as "bogus", and Con-servative Central Office began a frantic attempt to

decipher them. What threw Smith Square was that Labour's figures for bore little relation to the only official council tax predictions, published last year by

the environment department. In the marginal seat of Wallasey, where Lynda Chalker, the overseas development minister, has a 279 majority, Labour said the average council tax would be £518 for a two-adult house-hold. The table put out by the environment department last year said the figure was £456. Denied access to the civil service during an election,

Central Office was stumped.

As the day wore on, the Tories became more mystified. By late afternoon, one said: "We are still scratching our heads. The politest thing we can say is that their figures

are ludicrous." At Labour's Walworth Road headquarters, researchers insisted that their figures had been produced by respected experts on local gov-ernment finance using soph-isticated computer models They said that their figures differed from the environment department's because of three factors, the first of which was that after the official figures' release, the government had added a tax band for high-value homes.

ernment figures that councils would be able to collect 100 per cent of what they were owed under the new tax. Labour's computer modellers had assumed that only 94.5 per cent would be collectable, roughly the same as fina figures for the poll tax.

Thirdly, they said they had assumed that the council tax would save only £100 million a year in administration costs because of the complex system of discounts and rebates ministers had introduced

since it was proposed.

Labour's fair rates, which would be based on the 1973 valuation lists that were in use until introduction of the poll tax in 1990, would save £300 million, and councils could expect 98 per cent of their entitlement

Assuming Labour's arithmetic is sound, and blinking the published figures still fail to tell the whole story. How can two tax systems avowedly intended to raise the same total produce average bills that vary by over 20 per cent?

The answer seems to lie in Labour's choice of a two-adult household as "typical". For the purpose of fair rates, any size household will do because the tax is on the property.

The Tories' council tax, by

contrast, would give a 25 per cent discount to people living alone. Labour calculations assume that the El billion cost of the discount would be spread across the country. They also assume that because "fair" rates bills will be closer to the old rates bills, the £500 million earmarked to help those worst hit by the change from rates to poll tax will be similarly absorbed.

The published council tax figures take no account of either discount, and spreading the effect nationally would reduce "headline" council tax much closer to

Labour's average.
Labour might have presented the figures more fairly if it had stated the rate in the pound that would be charged in each area under its system. Householders could calculate liability from water rate bills, which note rateable values.

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Housing 'a bigger issue than health'

BY RACHEL KELLY, PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

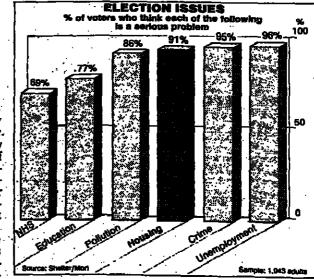
VOTERS are more worried about housing and homelessness than about health and education, but unemployment is their biggest con-cern, according to a Mori survey conducted for Shelter. the pressure group for the

Asked to rate the seriousness of the housing and homelessness problem, with one of five answers ranging from "very serious" to "not a problem", 91 per cent of voters said the problem was very or fairly serious.

The issue of education standards in schools was rat-ed as very or fairly serious by 77 per cent, and the quality of the health service was rated the same by 69 per cent. Unemployment was seen as the most important issue by those polled, judged by 96 per cent to be very or fairly important, followed by crime.

Voters were not asked how they rated the importance of inflation or taxation as issues. The poll looked at particular issues in detail, rather than all the issues which af-fected voters. Robert Worcester, from Mori, said.

The survey showed that 66 per cent of respondents thought that the parties' policies on housing and homelessness would affect the way. that they voted, and 64 per cent of voters said that the political parties did not pay much attention to these problems. "All the political parties are out of touch in terms of the attention that they are giving to housing and voters' concerns," Sheila



Mckechnie, the director of

Voters also expressed ways to improve housing and homelessness. Seventy-one per cent said mortgage tax relief should be redistributed to help those on low incomes more and those on high in-

comes less. The Liberal Dem committed to redistributing mortgage interest tax relief The survey also found that seventy per cent of voters disagreed with the statement that "rising house prices are a good thing".

Nationalist leaders divided over IRA

Adams clashes with Hume in TV debate

By EDWARD GORMAN, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT:

FOR the first time in four years, Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president, yesterday debated publicly with John Hume, leader of the SDLP, the best way to achieve peace in Northern Ireland.

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Taking advantage of the relaxation of broadcasting restrictions during the election. BBC radio and television stations broadcast exchanges be-tween the two men in Belfast. The discussion, the first since secret talks between their parties in 1988, was at times volatile underlining the distrust and disagreement within the nationalist community.

Mr Adams seemed determined to take advantage of his first opportunity since 1988, when the broadcasting of Sinn Fein interviews was banned, to display his dis-taste for the SDLP's constitutional nationalism. He repeatedly tried to interrupt Mr

Hume. While both men said that they wanted peace in Ireland, they differed greatly on how best it could be achieved. Mr Adams said that IRA violence and all other violence in Northern Ireland was a sympton not a cause of the problem. He said that the IRA could not lay down its weapons until the root causes of injustice in Ireland, the British presence upholding a divisive "apartheid" state, had been

He argued that Sinn Fein twhich at the last election received II per cent of the nationalist vote in Northern Ireland) already had a democratic mandate and should be involved in what he called an "inclusive dialogue". He said that the United Nations and

board vice-president and a

former Labour MP, said that he was troubled and sad-

dened by the implications of

Another deputy, Jerry Lewis, advised against attacking Mr Kaufman since it could harm

became foreign secretary.

A letter in yesterday's Chronicle criticises the hos-

tility shown to Mr Kaufman

In his interview, published on March 6, Mr Kaufman also said that he would want

cordial relations with what-

ever government Israelis elect, but he preferred to see

Yitzhak Rabin as prime min-ister. Labour had no plan to

give diplomatic status to the

PLO representative in Lon-

don, and a Labour govern-ment would impose strict

controls on arms sales to the

by the Jewish community.

Kaufman criticised for dual loyalty remark

BY RUTH GLEDHILL RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

GERALD Kaufman, shadow foreign secretary, has been criticised by some members of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, according to yesterday's Jewish Chronicle. Mr Kaufman angered fellow Jews by his reference to dual

loyalties, the paper says. Mr Kaufman told the Chronicle this month that British Jews should not con-fuse their affection for Israel with loyalty to Britain. "We cannot give first loyalty to another country; even one that has such a special place in our hearts," he said.

Yesterday's Chronicle reports a recent meeting of the board at which the president, Israel Finestein, said: "We must repudiate the notion that there is any substance in that accusation. We are loyal Jews of this country, playing

the European Community should be called in to help to find a democratic resolution. John Hume said that there was not a single injustice in Northern Iseland that justified the taking of a single life. He said 3,000 people had died, and Northern Ireland was being starved of investment because of the violence. British troops were only on the streets because of violence which was exacerbating divi-Mr Hume argued that

Britain now formally accepted that Irish unity was there for the taking if those Irish people who wanted it could persuade those who did not. that it was the best way

He said that Mr Adams should recognise that the talks process offered an historic opportunity. For the first time everyone involved, the two governments, the SDLP and the Unionists, recognised that all aspects of the problem were up for discussion. "What I would like to see

and I have said this time out of number — would be a complete cessation of the IRA campaign and then Sinn Fein can take their place like any other party that has a democratic mandate, around the table," Mr Hume said. The debate, in which Mr

Adams argued ultimately for a unilateral British withdraw al, demonstrated that 22 years into the troubles his party and the IRA are still publicly at least - not contemplating either a ceasefi or a compromise.

Mr Hume, while being re-

peatedly interrupted, said that the one thing he never wanted to see was a British government leaving Ireland on a unilateral basis. "If the British government withdraws before agreement is reached among the people here, everyone knows that there is a very high risk of perpetual violence like Beirut on our streets. I am not prepared to take that risk."



Split vision: Gerry Adams, left, and John Hume, chatting amicably in the studio before their heated debate

Leaked letter predicted SNP rise

JOHN Major was warned of the election threat posed by the Scottish National Party in a confidential letter from Ian Lang, the Scottish secretary, shortly before the election was called, it was disclosed

vesterday:

The document, leaked to the Labour party, contains an admission that Scottish Conservatives believed that they were under threat from all three opposition parties north of the border. In the letter, written earlier this month on Scottish Office writing paper, Mr Lang told the prime minister: "It is almost as important to us to keep the SNP at bay as it is to use them to split the socialist vote."

The letter discloses that Mr Major and Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, had reservations about a booklet pub-lished by Mr Lang giving details of government revenue and spending in Scot-land. In the letter, written before the booklet's publication, Mr Lang said that he was disappointed by their at-titude. With apologies for persisting on this occasion, I

publication while there is still time," he wrote. Mr Lang continued: "We are engaged in a complex exercise to outflank three other parties, each of whom threatens us in a different way. This initiative could score against all of them. Our real prospects of an electoral advance rest on our positive advancement of the union. In this booklet is proof positive that the union is of hard and

would ask you to reconsider

substantial benefit to Scotland. Jim Sillars, SNP deputy

leader, said: "This proves that the SNP threat to the Tories is a very clear one indeed. It proves that the Conservative seats that we have in our sights are going to fall into the SNP column at the election. They will help Scotland to win independence in

Yesterday. Mr Lang said: "If the Labour party are reduced to scavenging around for alleged leaked or even stolen documents they must be short of something to say." The Scottish Office refused to

Douglas Hurd yesterday returned to Scotland to give a warning that a break-up of its union with England would be an act of "unparalleled vandalism" that would be regretsucceeding by generations.

The foreign secretary spent much of his visit, his second to Scotland in three weeks, attacking those who would destroy the present constitutional arrangement. Labour's devolution plans were "punk federalist" and the SNP's goal of independence would lead to years of uncertainty and wrangling over the ques-

tion of entry into the EC. "Together we have built a United Kingdom, which continues to enjoy a unique and influential position in world affairs and is one of the great trading nations of the world. Its destruction would be an act of unparalleled vandal-

ism," Mr Hurd said. He added that the SNP's economic policies would be incompatible with EC treaties. "Having cast off what they see as the yoke of West-minster, an SNP government would soon find itself hauled over the coals by Brussels," he

Hecklers of bygone age live again

The parliamentary candi-I date was making hard work of a speech about his party's commitment to ending unemployment and the crowd was becoming bored. A drunken housewife, bottle in hand, tried to enliven the proceedings with some ripe abuse and from the platform came the response: "Upstart

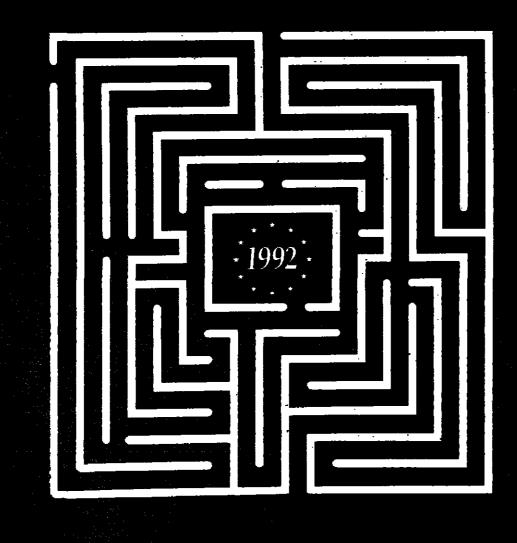
woman, be off with you." She staggered away and the hapless candidate pressed on, trying to ignore the hecklers, as someone else demand-ed to know where the money would come from to get the iobless back to work. The Liberal hopeful shouted back an answer: "I will tell you where it will come from. It is coming out of the pockets of the rich. That is what we intend to do and that is what we are going to do." The crowd cheered.

The cut and thrust of the open air meeting was a refreshing change from the stage-managed party presen-tations and glitzy political broadcasts on television. It was not a scene from the general election campaign, but a re-enactment of one from the parliamentary con-test of 1892.

he event is being staged A daily in the authentic setting of a Victorian street recreated at the Blists Hill Open Air Museum near Telford, Shropshire. It will continue throughout the general election campaign for visitors seeking refuge from the bombardment of election news and to give schoolchildren some idea of the changes in parliamentary democracy during the last 100 years.

Staff are dressing in period costume for scenes set in the old Wellington division of Salop. Only men were allowed to vote, but many were disenfranchised unless they were householders, lodgers paying more than E10 a year, or renting business premises worth £10 a year. Women had no vote and it seems their plight was not raised in the campaign.

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Li Peng links up with Peking hardliners to curb liberal reforms

From Catherine Sampson in Peking

THE Chinese power struggle Peng, the prime minister, in a speech opening the annual parliamentary session, failed to align himself with attacks on hardliners by Deng Xiaoping, China's senior leader.

Mr Li's calls for economic innovation and a bolder attitude towards reform were only a weak echo of Mr Deng's. Far stronger were his warnings against the spread of Western ideas. "We must be on the watch for any ideological trend towards bourgeois liberalisation, checking it the moment it appears," he

The failure of Mr Li wholeheartedly to endorse the politburo's 100-year reform programme indicated that the political struggle between Mr Deng and his conservative rivals was far from over. By not repeating the polithuro's decision to "resist the left". Mr Li appeared to place himself firmly in the conservative camp and so put his political future at risk.

Shots fired at leader in Japan

Tokyo: Shin Kanemaru, the vice-president of Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic party, was shot at by a self-proclaimed right-wing activist as he was speaking at a political convention yesterday. The man was immediately overpowered by police and Mr Kanemaru was seen wiping his forehead in relief that he had not been hit.

Police had thought that the .38 pistol was a toy, but later they discovered bullet marks. Mr Kanemaru has been criticised by the right wing for advocating links with North Korea. Last year a firebomb was thrown near his home. The gunman, identified as Hiroshi Watanabe, aged 22, was charged with attempted murder. (AFP)

Kenyans ban political rallies

Nairobi: Kenyan authorities have banned political meetings amid mounting tribal violence which the government has been accused of instigating as a pretext to cancel the multi-party elec-tions promised for later this

The United States has urged President Moi to stem the bloodletting, which has killed 58 people in the past 11 days. Smith Hempstone, the American ambassador, also expressed concern about the recent clashes between police using tear gas and opposition demonstrators. (AFP)

Bhutto alliance



Karachi: Ghulam Mustafa Jatoi, above, a former caretaker prime minister of Pakistan, has allied with Benazir Bhutto, the opposition Paki-stan People's Party leader, to try to topple Mian Nawaz Sharif's government. His National People's Party has been expelled from the ruling Islamic Democratic Alliance.

Plot revealed

Suva: Brigadier Sitiveni Rabuka. leader of the 1987 coup, has said that Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara, the prime minister, asked him to overthow the government after he lost an election, Fiji's Daily Post reported. (Reuter)

Population gap

Lagos: The Nigerian government seems to have mislaid 32 million citizens. Its census lists 88.5 million, compared with a United Nations estimate of 120.5 million.

Trek back out

Perth: Fifty-six Chinese boat people who survived a 125mile trek through the northern outback, eating snakes. crocodiles and lizards, have been refused refugee status.

Already Mr Deng's call for a purge of hardliners has led to the resignation of He Jingzhi, the hardline acting minister of culture. Gao Di. editor-in-chief of the People's Daily and Wang Renzhi, head of propaganda, are be-

lieved to be next. In another potent symbol of Mr Li's awkward position, he has cancelled the ritual press conference which he usually holds at the end of the National People's Congress session. Many Chinese believe that Mr Li is not prepared to answer potentially embarrassing questions about who is to be purged

from the leadership.

Mr Li is widely unpopular in China because of his role in declaring martial law in 1989. Many people believe that he may not be asked to stay on as prime minister

when his term ends next year. The prime minister has always been seen as, at best, a cautious reformer. But he is also considered to be an opportunist and had been expected at this point to jump on Mr Deng's bandwagon of radical economic reform to safeguard his position. In fact, Mr Li offered no ideas for concrete reform, nor did he repeat Mr Deng's call for capitalist methods to be used to enhance China's socialist

Mr Deng is believed to be deeply unhappy with the per-formances of both Mr Li and Jiang Zemin, the head of the Communist party. Until now, the two men have stayed in place to present a united face to the world. Perhaps reflecting concern among hardliners that any talk of economic liberalisation could stir up more popular dissent, Mr Li warned that "it is impossible for us to proceed with reform and expand the economy amid social upheaval". In a similarly cautious tone, Mr Li spoke against an overheated economy. He predicted a growth rate of 6 per cent, compared with 7 per cent last year. "We did not set the economic growth rate for this year as high as we might have, because we wanted to allow for unforeseen contingen-

Mr Li said prices had only risen an average of 3 per cent in the past year and would be limited to 6 per cent in the year ahead. He said that sharp inflation must be

He voiced his support for the Three Gorges dam, the \$10 billion (£5.8 billion) project which is a favourite with hardliners. It would dam the Yangtze river, creating the world's most powerful hydro-electric power project. The project was temporarily abandoned in 1989 because of opposition by parliamenta-ry delegates on economic and environmental grounds. If the dam goes ahead, the homes and land of more than a million people will be flooded. Many critics are concerned at the prospect of relocating so many people.

In what appeared to be something of a concession, Mr Li said that the project should be approved in principle but that construction would only be started once



Hand of comfort: David Levy, the Israeli foreign minister, holds the father of Zehava Zehavi at her funeral yesterday. She was among 28 people killed in Tuesday's bombing of the Israeli embassy in Buenos Aires

Israelis pledge revenge

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN TERRISALEM

ISRAEL yesterday buried the first of the victims of the Buenos Aires embassy bombing and made a graveside vow to hunt down their killers in a "war to the death".

In emotional scenes, which capped a week of violence against Israelis both at home and abroad, the coffins carrying Zehava Zehavi, aged 40. and Eliora Karmon, aged 39, were greeted with full honours when they arrived at Ben Gurion airport on board a private jet belonging to President Menem of Argentina.
"Eliora, Zehava, the Lord

pocrats grescue of will avenge your spilled blood," said David Levy, the foreign minister. "This is the vow: our hand is outstretched in peace to those who believe in and dream of peace. And to those consumed by hatred, we have but one path — wag-ing war on them to the

At a simple burial service for Zehavi in the coastal town of Netanya, Benjamin Netan-yahu, an Israeli minister of state, spoke for many Israelis when he told her family that "all of Israel bleeds, we all feel

Israel is expected to take retaliatory action once its security experts determine who was behind the attack. The Iranian-backed Islamic Jihad group in Beirut claimed it carried out the operation to avenge the killing by Israel of Sheikh Abbas Mousawi, the Hezbollah leader, last month. • Gaza closed: All roads in and out of the Gaza Strip were closed in response to the attack on Tuesday by a Muslim fundamentalist from Gaza who killed two Israelis and wounded 19 when he went on the rampage in the Israeli town of Jaffa.

Bangladesh gets US aid for refugees

Karens foil Burmese attack

By David Watts, diplomatic correspondent, and Our Foreign Staff

THE plight of another 15,000 Burmese Muslim refugees pouring into Bangladesh over the past four days has moved the Bush administration to grant \$3 million the victims of the Burmese junta. The new influx raises the number to more than 210,000 Muslims now in camps along the border in Bangladesh.

Begum Khaleda Zia, the Bangladesh prime minister, after a meeting with Mr Bush at the White House at which she heard of the new assistance, said: "I am very happy about these talks. President Bush was extremely kind." She was later due to fly to New York for talks with Boutros Boutros Ghali, the United Nations secretary-

general As the prime minister was briefing the president in Washington, Burmese troops launched attacks against another Karen base near the Thai frontier, but the ethnic minority rebels blunted the assaults. The attack was the latest of a series on Karen Burmese border in an intense Burmese offensive during the

dry season. Manerplaw, the headquarters of the Karen National Union, and Komoora are among the besieged bases of the Karen, who are fighting for greater autonomy from the military government in Rangoon. Burmese troops rained hundreds of mortar shells on No Ta camp on Thursday afternoon before infantry units tried to break through the rebels' defensive

About 300 government sol-diers and 200 guerrillas de-

close combat for hours before the government troops were forced to withdraw. Karen sources in Mae Sot said yesterday that about 50 Burmese soldiers who intruded into Thailand to attack Komoora last weekend were still dug in on Thai soil in the village of

Wang Kaew. The Thai military, which has clashed with the Burmese in recent days, said it was verifying the report and would act to push any intrud-ing troops back. Early this week the Thais sent reinforcements and now have more than 1,000 soldiers and four 105 mm howitzers in the area. Radio Rangoon reported that the Burmese election commission has ordered nine

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more political parties to dis-band. The radio said that the commission took the action because the parties had not organised themselves properly and had failed to provide membership lists. Only 10 of the 235 political parties that registered for the 1990 general elections remain in existence. The commission has since declared the rest illegal. The National League for Democracy won the election, but the junta has refused to hand

In Paris, Amnesty Interna-tional called on Burma's rulfending No Ta were locked in ers to halt the campaign of terror and violence against Muslims that has caused thousands to flee the country. The human rights group, which recently sent a factfinding team to interview Burmese refugees in Bangladesh, said the trip confirmed reports of widespread human rights abuses, including torture and murder.

Amnesty International's Paris office said the Burmese army has targeted the Muslim minority in western Burma. "Muslim men have been rounded up in large numbers and pressed into forced labour for the military, often as porters," the report said. They are ill-fed and abused. Many are reported to have been beaten to death when they became too weak to carry their loads. Muslim women have been raped in their homes, others have been held in army barracks and repeatedly raped." More than 200,000 Muslims have fled Burma to Bangladesh since 1991 when the anti-Muslim campaign began, Amnesty

International estimated. In Rangoon, the authorities set up relief camps and distributed food last night to victims of a fire in a northern suburb that destroyed about 2,000 shanty homes and left 20,000 people homeless. The state-run Working People's Daily reported that two schools, a market and a cooperative store were also de-

stroyed in the blaze. The fire broke out in the kitchen of a boiled-beans vendor, the state radio reported earlier. It said the fire was caused by negligence. Most of the houses in the area are made of bamboo with thatch

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Land bill troubles farmers

FROM JAN RAATE In Harare

WHITE farmers have reacted cautiously to the jubilant passing of legislation in the Zimbabwean parliament this week enabling land owned by them to be turned over to black peasant farmers.

Alan Burl, the president of the Commercial Farmers Union, which represents the 4,600-strong white farming community, said at a private dinner attended by several hundred union members and Witness Mangwende, the minister of lands, that their only option was to work hard to ensure that the land acquisition bill was properly and fairly implemented. Mr Burl was at pains to underline the government's previous pro-mises of fair acquisition of farms and an orderly pro-gramme of resettlement that would not disrupt the highly productive sector.

Mr Mangwende warmly applauded what he called Mr Burl's "positive response". David Hasluck, the director of the farmers' union, was however, less enthusiastic. He said that despite last-minute amendments inserted by the government after international pressure, there were no clear guarantees of fair compensation nor clear access to the courts to dispute unfair compensation.

• Policeman arrested: Eddison Shirihuru, the deputy chief of Zimbabwe's secret police, was arrested in connection with the disappear-ance of his former girlfriend, officials said yesterday. Two other men are already under arrest in connection with the suspected abduction of Rashiwe Guzha two years

Mandela turns on de Klerk over growing train violence

FROM GAVIN BELL IN CAPE TOWN

of South Africa's white referendum has given way to alarm over the mounting: death toll in the incipient civil war in black townships.

Commuter trains running between Johannesburg and the satellite shanty towns have become a focus of the bloody conflict between sup-porters of the African National Congress and the Inka-tha Freedom party, which spread from Natal to the Transvaal last year. Police said five people had been killed and 22 seriously injured by gangs riding the trains in the rush hour.

In one incident, three Zuluspeaking men armed with handguns boarded a train and began questioning Xhosa-speaking passengers about their political affiliations. Panic ensued, and at least three people were badly injured when they leapt from the moving train.

Most attacks are attributed by witnesses to supporters of Inkatha, which is led by Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi. The

EUPHORIA over the result latest incidents brought the death toll to 300 since the referendum, was called a month ago. Nelson Mandela, the presi-

dent of the ANC, responded tack on the government and its security forces Addressing businessmen in Cape Town, Mr Mandela said: "It is quite clear the security forces are involved at the highest level." Accusing President de Klerk of not doing enough to halt the violence, he said that ei-ther the rolling National party had lost control of the security forces. "or the security forces are doing exactly what the National party wants them to do". The prompt installation of an interim, multiracial government was the only means of bringing the sec-urity forces under control and

curbing the violence, he said. Hernus Kriel, the minister for law and order, belatedly announced a ban on the carrying of dangerous weapons on trains. A ministry spokes-man said police would do

pealed for co-operation from commuters. Armed police who made a rare search of a commuter train last week were cheered by passengers when they confiscated guns, clubs and knives. Blanche, the leader of the

force the prohibition, and ap-

paramilitary Afrikaner Resistance Movement, said his private army was preparing for a race war. Claiming that his victory" commando had 5,000 men, he said: "We are immediately stepping up our defence plans for the coming bloody revolution."

The government has called on the ANC to disband its

military wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK). However, Mr Mandela said: "The South African Defence Force (SADF) is a private army of the National party. If they want us to dismantle MK, they must take the initiative and dismantle the SADF." But neither step is likely until joint control of the security establishment leads to an integration of the two forces.

Malawi exiles forge alliance

everything they could to en-

BY JAN RAATH

PROSPECTS for change in Malawi, one of the last countries in Africa to be affected by democratic upheaval. grew yesterday with a gathering in neighbouring Zambia of exiles and dissidents seeking to forge political union.

Opening the meeting in Lusaka, Roger Chongwe, Zambia's justice minister, said: "Political liberation will come to [Malawi] earlier than most of us anticipate." The 60 Malawians had assembled to discuss unity among the exiled Malawian movements and individuals opposed to the rule of President Banda. This month in Malawi there was unprecedented criticism by the country's Roman Catholic bishops, who called for political re-form and an end to one-party rule by Dr Banda's Malawi Congress party. There was also a student demonstration.

At the three-day meeting in Lusaka, drawing together Malawian political figures from Europe, America and Africa, as well as from inside Malawi, Chikufwa Chihana, a trade unionist, called for a national conference of democratic forces". He said: "We must establish inside Malawi an organisational structure to carry forward all our demands for democracy." It would "seek an end to oneparty, one-man dictatorship, and ultimately free and fair elections in which any political party which might emerge can participate."

Mr Chihana arrived in Lusaka about two weeks ago from relative obscurity in the Malawian capital, Lilongwe. where he runs the office of a southern African trade union council. In Zambia, he has spoken out against Dr Banda, and Western diplomats have told him that a warrant for his arrest has been issued. Mr Chihana, who was held for six years without trial in the 1970s, says he will return to Lilongwe next week and was "prepared to die for the

right to express myself". Mr Chihana's first brush with Dr Banda came just before independence in 1964, when he was forced to fice the country after being beaten up by Malawi Congress party supporters for his criticism of the party as secretary-general of Malawi's trade union movement.

MAURITIUS NOTEBOOK by Eve-Ann Prentice:

Bribes help to keep unschooled drivers on the roads

Blind faith seems to be the guiding principle of many drivers in Mauritius. The slow crawl of buses and lorries coughing their way along the rutted and twisted single carriageways is of little impediment to the more impatient car drivers who veer from behind them to overtake on blind bends and

ing abandon. There are, though, some cars which stutter even more slowly than the buses between the fields of sugar cane. These nearly always belong to motorists who have bought their driving licences rather than go

brows of hills with hair-rais-

through the risky business of taking a test.

Even people who do not know how to drive properly go more slowly — they are more careful, so it makes for

know the accelerator from the brake pedal can buy a driving licence with backhanders to the right people. These are usually driving school instructors who, it is widely reported, share the bribes with some of the officials who issue the permits. Costs vary between 600 rupees (£22) for a moped to 6,000 rupees for a commercial vehicle.

The practice is so well ac-

cepted on the island that a

senior local executive said:

This is not a problem,

because people who do not

safer driving."
The illegal, though widely accepted, practice is likely to be curbed soon. Cyril Morvan, the new police commis-sioner on the island, which became a republic last week. has promised to try to improve road safety in an attempt to reduce casualties.

The latest statistics from police headquarters are for 1986. These show that 5.774 people were involved in accidents that year and 103 died. The population is just over one million. One of the first casualties after the republic's birth involved an Indian High Commission car returning from the air-



port at the weekend after seeing off P.V. Narasimha Rao, the Indian prime minister, who was guest of honour at the national celebrations. The car plunged through a ditch and ended up crumpled in a cane field. The driver and a diplomat were injured.

After waiting 24 years since independence, Mauritius has to wait an extra 15 minutes before seeing the republican flag raised for the first time. It should have been raised at noon but displays of pomp and solidarity at the Champs de Mars race track at Port Louis, the capi-

ter and other dignitaries. Police chiefs gesticulated impatiently at the enton-

tal, started late because traf-

fic delayed Sir Anerood

Jugnanth, the prime minis-

rage as the important mo-ment loomed. Sir Victor Glover, the chief justice, colemnised the oath taken by Sir Veerasamy Ringadoo, the new president. The last five salvos of a 31-gun salute were fired aimost simultaneously. But when noon arrived the police were just beginning their parade ground display, and no one seemed to consider asking them to postpone it. ..

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Mitterrand's fascist Frankenstein's monster slips its chain



Le Pen: campaign with

RIVAL bodies of riot police were deployed last night on Paris's Left Bank, two days before polling in France's regional elections: the gendarmes mobiles for the Boulevard Saint Michel and the CRS for the Boulevard Saint Germain. It was an appropriate sight at the end a campaign which has involved a nostalgic trip through the nation's history.

The results of tomorrow's poll are expected to deal a heavy blow to the governing. Socialist party, partly as a. conventional protest against those who have ruled France for nine of the past 11 years. and partly also as a result of mismanagement of the Socialist party's campaign.

The Socialist campaign has been almost entirely aimed at the figure of Jean Marie Le Pen, president of the Nat-

From a shabby march in 1985 to leading a party that even its opponents want to be successful. Patrick Marnham in Paris traces the rise and rise of Le Pen

street in Lyons there was a march of the National Front. They were shambling along in the rain, chanting their depressing slogan. La France

aux français. There were about 50 of them. In their shabby leather jackets and middle-aged spreads they resembled a bunch of out-of-work nightclub bouncers. They glared around but the overall effect was more pathetic than menacing. However, other wiser heads could already see the potential in the National Front and today the movement receives more attention in France from politicians

and the media than any other. The regional election campaign has been its greatest triumph yet

A French National Front has only one winning policy: it is savagely opposed to North African immigration. For the rest it has a patchwork of policies, some of which seem strangely familiar to British eyes. They include suppression of the wealth tax, an increase in value-added tax, abolition of the shorter (39-hour) working week and a minimum industrial wage, and privatisation of the banks, Renault and Air France. France in 1992 is not

Britain in 1979, and even the most optimistic polls give the National Front no more than 35 per cent of the vote in selective regions such as Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur. Unless there is a late movement in opinion, the National Front will fail to win even this region, and in regions such as the Auvergne it is expected to come bottom of the poll with per cent, well behind the Communists and both the official and unofficial Green parties. The publicity the National Front receives is not a reflection of its importance but of the fact that many of its most implacable opponents

At a difficult time for socialism, the apparent resurgence of the "extreme right" is a godsend for the French government. President Mitterrand realised its potential

secretly want this party to

usefulness in 1986 when he introduced proportional representation in regional and legislative elections, which ensured the National Front won a broad base of support. Then, by successfully denouncing right-wing politicians who made electoral alliances with the National Front as "fascist sympathisers", the president weakened the two right-wing parties (the UDF and the Gaullist RPR) and nullified their built-in majority.

At the start of the regional election campaign - which last night was marred by violence when a National Front security guard shot and wounded an anti-fascist demonstrator in Nice - President Mitterrand's favourite taction was wheeled out for another airing. A march of 50,000 intellectuals and trade unionists moved through Paris. Its sole purpose was to launch a "Republican Front" to defeat the National Front but this time the tactic has proved to be a disaster for the Socialists.

In the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region, where M Le Pen is now expected to do so well, President Mitterrand overruled the local Socialists and entrusted the "Republican Front" to Bernard Tapie, the colourful chairman of the Olympique Marseilles football club and a businessman who bears some resemblance to the late Robert Maxwell

M Tapie is hugely ambi-tious but politically inexperienced. His most obvious qualification for fighting M Le Pen is that he frequently uses an even coarser vocabulary. Tapie launched his own list of candidates in the southern region and christened it "Southern Energy". The Tapie list has done badly.

d'Azur region the Republic Front under M Tapie's leadership has turned into a fiasco and M Le Pen can hardly believe his luck. The worse news for President Mitterrand is that - as a result of M Tapie's failure - voters in the south, including Socialist voters who want to defeat the National Front, will now have to vote for the traditional

It has taken a painfully long time for the Socialists to realise that their "near-fascist" robot is out of control. President Mitterrand, trying to give an impression of remoteness, has fallen silent. Perhaps the cruellest remark of the campaign was made by his biographer. Franz-Olivier Giesbert, who described him as "resembling a man who is being crucified in his

Lagerfeld

cuts the

gimmicks

FROM LIZ SMITH. FASHION EDITOR.

KARL Lagerfeld, the Ger-man-born fashion designer

they call Kaiser Karl, was on

parade in Paris yesterday ex-

uding all the creative confi-

dence of a designer on a roll.

He has dispensed with his

gimmicks. All the jokey acces-

sories - clumpy shoes, crazy

jewellery, zig-zag hemlines –

were cleared away to show off

the sharp-scissored seaming of the skinny jackets and stretchy long skirts in his own-label line.

Lagerfeld is a restless fash-

ion dynamo. He commutes

constantly between Paris

(where he has revived the fortunes of the Chanel fash-

ion house in his decade as design director). Rome (where he works for Fendi)

and Hamburg from where he

directs his lower-priced KL

Customers of his sharply

chiselled modernist style in

London were shocked when

the two Lagerfeld shops, in

Bond Street and Knights-bridge, closed earlier this month when the franchise

company went into liquida-

tion. Yesterday it was an-

nounced that the Bond Street

shop would be reopening,

under new franchise, in April.

collection.

Democrats go to rescue of Yeltsin reforms

FROM MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

SOME of the darkest horses in Russian politics, among them former Gorbachev loyalists, have founded a "citizens' initiative" to counter the increasing attacks on Russia's radical government.

Their immediate aim is to prevent next month's meeting of the full Russian parlia-ment, the Congress of People's Deputies, from approving a motion of no confidence in government ministers and forcing the removal of Yegor Gaidar, the reform supremo and first deputy prime minister.

Some believe that the group - which claims the support of several thousand people - may also form the basis for a "constituent assembly" to approve the new Russian constitution and sanction further and deeper reforms. Such an assembly would bypass Russia's standing parliament, the supreme soviet, and it has attracted hostility in the parliamentary lobbies on that score.

de Klerk

violence

e allianci

Although the new group presents itself as a grassroots initiative, the composition of the steering committee sug-gests a carefully planned

Georgian captives released

Zugdidi: Supporters of Zviad Gamsakhurdia, the deposed president, in western Georgia have begun handing over hostages they took during their revolt last week against the government of Eduard Shevardnadze (Anatol Lieven

Government troops have begun to withdraw from the Mingrelia region, leaving it in rebel hands. According to the Tbilisi government, 40 hostages, including George. Kakalashvili, commander of the national guard in western Georgia, were freed. Another ten, including Besik Kututaladze, the deputy defence min-

Kohl to talk to **Bush on Gatt**

Bonn: Helmut Kohl, the Ger-President Bush in America to try to break the deadlock on the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade talks, bogged down by disagreement between America and the European Community over farming subsidies (Patrick Moser writes).

Both leaders are expected to make concessions, but the serious sticking point over France's refusal to cut farm subsidies is likely to remain. although Germany may be moving away from its support of France's stand.

Arms raid

Berlin: The German armaments giant, MBB, and a machine-tools maker, have been raided on suspicion that they sold weapons illegally to Iraq in collusion with a former East German agency. The shipments are reported to have helped build the chemical weapons plant at Mosul, northern Iraq. (AFP)

Light verse

Amsterdam: Lamp-posts in the central square of. Zoctermeer, near The Hague, are being fitted with compact disc devices featuring the work of national poets, read out at the touch of a button. (Reuter)

move to rescue the beien guered government. Kéy members, include Aleksandr Yakoviev, Mr Gorbacijevs former political adviser and now deputy chairman of the Gorbachev Fund, and Arkadi Volsky, the Gorbachevite former head of the Scientific Industrial League, who co-ordinated plans for industrial restructuring and now fulfils: a similar role in Russia.

Mr Volsky, and his deputy, Aleksandr Vladislaviev, who is also a member of the steering committee, have close ties with the powerful military industries. Other influential figures are Vladimir Lysenko, one of the founder members of the Democratic Platform, the first democratic splinter from the Communist party, who now heads the Republican party, several reformminded members of the drafting commission for the new Russian constitution. and Father Gleb Yakunin, a former dissident and now a radical Russian MP.

A notable absentee is Anatoli Sobchak, the mayor of St Petersburg, who is re-ported to be drafting a rival Russian constitution Mr Sobchak was invited by the group for discussions, but failed to turn up. He has increasingly distanced him-self from the radical Russian government, predicting its imminent downfall, and some believe he has national ambitions of his own and is

biding his time. According to Mr Lysenko, the citizens' initiative was a response to recent remarks by President Yeltsin about the effect of disunity in the Russian democratic movement. The fragmentation of the democrats into several factions, he had warned, could mean defeat for reform in Russia. The group plans to hold a series of discussion meetings over the next two weeks and a "citizens' assembly" in Moscow on April 4, two days before the opening of the Russian congress. Mr Yeltsin responded favourablyto an invitation to speak.

Members of the group admitted yesterday that their assembly was deliberately timed to put pressure on the Russian congress by "showing where many public groups stand". They denied, however, that they had any thoughts of forming a constituent assembly or bypassing parliament, although their agenda duplicates the congress agenda by including questions relating to the Russian state structure and the new constitution.

Kiev division, page 18

News that the Duke and Duchess of York are to

separate is certain to

strengthen the hand of those traditionalists who

have argued that the liaison

between Prince Felipe de

Bourbon, the heir to the

Spanish throne, and Isabel

Sartorius, the commoner

with whom he is said to be

deeply in love, should not

lead to their marriage.

Since the Spanish press
first published news of the
romance between the
prince, aged 24, and his girlfriend, aged 27, two and a
half years ago, there have
been persistent rumours
that the royal household,
particularly Oueen Sofia, is

particularly Queen Sofia, is "not amused". Reports that

the prince was contemplat-

ing giving up the throne for

the girl he loves fuelled the

lead to their marriage.



Defiant Tatars go

ahead with vote

FROM BRUCE CLARK IN KAZAN

dum, both in Moscow and the local capital of Kazan,

alleged that the secret pur-

pose of the vaguely worded question is to pave the way for

a break with Russia, some-

thing which the clear major-ity of the territory's 3.5

million residents opposes.

Mintimer Shaimiev, the

president of Tatarstan and a

former communist who is

under pressure from a newly

formed shadow parliament

which advocates a strident version of nationalism, denies

that he is planning outright

secession from Russia. About

18 of the 20 "mini-republics"

lying inside Russian territory

have just signed a new federal treaty defining their relations with Moscow: the exceptions

are Tatarstan and the fiercely

Muslim state of Checheno-

Ingushetia in the Caucasus

endum, who staged an angry

walkout from an eve-of-poll

debate in the local parlia-

ment, argue that whatever the present leadership's in-

tentions a "yes" vote would

provide a clear legal basis for breaking with Russia at a

Sartorius: girlfriend of

Prince Felipe of Spain

too far. The Spanish royals are not wealthy, they have no great amounts of land,

limited money, there is no

civil list as in Britain and

they pay their taxes.
"They have always been as

Opponents of today's refer-

mountains.

Yorks' split divides Spanish royalists

FROM FRANK SMITH IN MADRID

RESIDENTS of Tatarstan.

the heartland of Russia's strongest Muslim minority

and a powerhouse of heavy

industry, go to the polls today in a plebiscite on self-rule that

is being held in defiance of

President Yeltsin and Mos-

cow's highest court.
The prospect of an inde-

pendent Tatar state, domi-

nated by the nations that held

sway over the newly Chri-

stianised Slavs during the

Middle Ages, has struck a note of atavistic terror among Russians who fear that their

republic could follow the

Soviet Union down the path

of disintegration.

The result of the poll is expected to be finely balanced between supporters and op-

ponents of making Tatarstan

a "sovereign state" that is

entitled to sign treaties with Russia and other countries on

a basis of equality. Most observers are predicting a slim majority for the "yes" camp, although its supporters say they cannot predict the effects

of a propaganda campaign for a "no" vote which they

accused shadowy Russian in-terests of financing.

Opponents of the referen-

step — should it come to it — should be necessary.

That is when comparisons

between the Spanish and British royal families first

became a talking point. Both opponents and sup-porters of the royal romance looked to Britain for exam-

ples to strengthen their

case. "The Prince of Wales

married a commoner — so

why shouldn't our royal-

heir?" went one argument.

"We do not want another

Mrs Simpson here," went another. "And now," said

Amando de Miguel, an au-thor and sociologist, "there will be those who say: What

do you expect when a prince marries a commoner?"

the parallels between the two families can be carried

But Señor de Miguel said



Masked parade: Lagerfeld's designs for his autumn ready-to-wear collection, presented in Paris yesterday, include a leather jacket and skirt, with tiny mask, left, and an African mask-style hat, worn with a brown satin dress embroidered horizontally and vertically

Rural voters hold key to Albania poll

Albania's opposition Democrats have ruled out another coalition, hoping for outright victory in tomorrow's election, Anne McElvoy reports from Tirana

ALBANIANS go to the polls tomorrow with the opposition Albanian Democratic party modestly confident of secur-ing an absolute majority they need to replace the Socialists

in power. The party, led by Sari Berisha, a heart surgeon and founder member of the 1990 opposition movement, has been steadily gaining mo-mentum at rallies throughout the country and looks the more organised of the two main contenders.

But success in the towns may be tempered by the more conservative voting inten-tions of rural areas. An opinion poll conducted by the Democrats predicted that it would gain a 54 per cent share of the vote - short of initial expectations of a runaway victory in the face of the country's economic plight.

Diplomatic sources in Tirana said that it was impossible to gauge the strength of the two parties in outlying areas. "There seems to be a swing

poor as church mice." Señor de Miguel said. And al-

though in the constitution

the monarchy is referred to

as the crown, the Madrid-

based sociologist pointed

out that this is somewhat

ridiculous: "because in

Spain there is no coronation

Señor de Miguel said: "What the Spanish find simpatico about this liaison,

about Prince Felipe and Isa-

bel Sartorius, is that it app-

ears to be a real romance.

Maybe it is because we are a

romantic people."

and no crown."

towards the Democrats in the past few days, but we do not underestimate the lure of familiarity of the Socialists to

the peasants," an envoy said. Closing his campaign at a mass rally last night. Dr Berisha said: "We are the strongest party in Albania. We may have only existed for a short time but we were present in the heads of Albanians for many years in the form of the will to freedom." He attracted a crowd of 30,000 in the blighted steel town of Elbasan and 60,000 in Shkoder, the scene of recent food riots.

The Democrars gained a third of the vote in the elec-tions of March 1991 but complained that they had not been allowed time to prepare themselves for the first free elections after their foundation in December 1990 and that Ramiz Alia, the country's president and a former communist, had displayed a preference for the Socialists. They left the coalition government after five months.

Dr Berisha has ruled out a second cealition government with the Socialists so that Albania may face yet another election if neither party gains an absolute victory tomorrow. His party has won over many of the country's urban population anxious to escape the communist legacy. But two-thirds of Albania's three million people live in the underdeveloped countryside.

Fatos Nano, the Socialist leader, said yesterday. "It would be wrong to write us off. We offer the peasants security and an absolute promise that we will not expropriate their land — something the Democrats are vague about." The Socialists are, however, tarnished by association with the former stalinist regime.

But as all good sociolo-Athens: Thousands of ethgists know. marriages for love often end up in the dinic Greeks are crossing the border into Albania to vote vorce courts. for the Union of Human Rights party which represented the Greek minority.

Royal separation, page 3

Maverick rides into **US** race

IN WASHINGTON

aire, H. Ross Perot, one of the richest men in America, is laying the foundations for joining the presidential race as an independent candidate.

neur, who has railed against intrusive government and incompetent administration since selling his main busi-ness in 1984, has hinted for weeks that he might run.

Mr Perot, the rags-to-rich-

He founded Dallas-based Electronic Data Systems on a shoe-string in 1962 and quickly made millions. He

In 1979, he hired commandos and participated in a raid in Iran to free two of his employees who were being held as hostages, a feat that later formed the plot for Ken Follen's thriller On Wings of

Yesterday he said he would run if supporters can put his name on presidential ballots in every state. "I have to. If someone as blessed as I am is not willing to pick up a shovel and clean out the barn, who

Scholarly Clinton, page 14

TV 'trial'

Paul Keating, the Australian prime minister and former treasurer, will go on "trial" on television on Monday, ac-cused of murdering the Australian economy. The "prosecutor" will be David Lange, New Zealand's former prime minister. The judge will be Sir John Starke, who ordered Australia's last hanging in 1967. The accused will not

William Kennedy Smith will begin his medical residency at the University of New Mexico in June, a rear after he was to have started the course and six months after being acquitted of rape. Mr Smith graduated from Georgetown University Medical School last year. The delay was caused by the trial.

appear, but a not guilty plea

has been recorded.

Today's musicians want instant stardom and record companies want quick fixes, said Don McLean, who wrote the 1970s hit American Pie. The result, he said, was a chain of one-hit wonders. "It has left us with hundreds of songs that nobody is going to remember 20 years from now."

Oliver Stone is to visit Peking in May for discussions about making a film about Mao Tse-tung. "I'm open to the possibility but not committed yet," Stone said. China has never co-operated in a foreign production on Mao, but the China Daily said nego-tiations seeking permission for the project were well advanced.

The chart-topping pop group Shakespear's Sister had to pull out of a gig when the singer Marceella Detroit found herself lost for words. She went down with laryngitis minutes before the band were due on stage for a concert at Newcastle Polytechnic. Disappointed fans are expected to be offered tickets when

the band play at Newcastle's

City Hall in May.

FROM JAMIE DETTMER

THE eccentric Texan billion-

The outspoken entrepre-Mr Perot let slip late on

Thursday that he would soon name "someone who does more than go to funerals and play golf" as a running mate. It has now emerged that an election committee has rented an office near the White House and that volunteers are already staffing 100 telephone lines in his Dallas

es son of a horse trader, has hit out against lack of leadership in America today. He has appeared on national television and made policy speeches which defy partisan labels. Earlier this week, he grabbed media attention with a speech to the press in Washington. "In plain Texas talk, it's time to take out the trash and clean out the barn." he said.

sold the business in 1984 to General Motors for \$2.4 billion (£1.4 billion).

confronts **Keating**

Clifford Longley

Divorced royalty should be free to remarry

he preamble to the Royal Marriages Act of 1772 declares as a self-evident truth that "marriages in the royal family are of the highest importance to the state". It could be the motto of the paparazzi who have been to the fore this last week, although perhaps substituting "our readers" for "the state". This is the measure of the importance of royal marriages today. They have become furniture in the royal soap-opera. little more. What they evidently do not supply (no longer, if ever) is an example to the nation of the virtues of Christian family life.

When David Williamson, the co-editor of Debrett's Peerage, wrote to The Times in 1987 to ask if the time had come to replace the Royal Marriages Act by a law more up to date, he added ... if indeed such an act is deemed necessary?" In 215 years the importance of royal marriages to the state has become highly questionable. The royal family appears to be in painful need, so to speak, of "disestablishment".

The present laws offer at least two obstacles to happy royal marriages. The 1772 act forbids members of the royal family marrying without permission of the monarch. Although there are no special legal obstacles to their separation and divorce, probably because divorce is of more recent institution, there are serious difficulties if divorced royalty wished to remarry. Those to whom the 1772 act applies need to mairy in the Church of England, because the law allowing marriage by civil registrar excludes royalty (at least in England and Wales). But the regulations of the Church of England forbid the remarriage of divorcees in church.

uch regulations are not strictly binding in law, as Anglican clergy have a statutory right to marry whoever they like. But it is unlikely that the Queen, who takes her office as Supreme Governor of the Church of England seriously, would sanction a marriage in church in defiance of the Act of Convocation on divorce,

This declared what is still official church policy: "That in order to maintain the principle of lifelong obligation which is inherent in every legally contracted marriage and is expressed in the plainest terms in the Marriage Service, the church should not allow the use of that service in the case of anyone who has a former spouse

living."

Monarchs have sanctioned marriages of members of the royal family to divorced persons, but not in England. Apart from the Duke of Windsor - whose marriage in Paris to a divorcee was agreed under the 1772 act by his brother, George VI — the present Queen allowed the Earl of St Andrews (elder son of the Duke of Kent) to marry a (lapsed) Roman Catholic divorcee in an Edinburgh register office in 1988.

ne component, therefore, in any new Royal Marriages Act should be the lifting of the need for the monarch's permission; another, to allow royalty to have English and Welsh register office weddings, so they can remarry after divorce as easily as the rest of the citizenry. But a third issue is raised by the 1988 Edinburgh marriage, and indeed by the mar-riage of the Prince Michael of Kent to Princess Michael who is also a Roman Catholic.

Under the 1700 Act of Settlement (sometimes cited as 1701) any member of the royal family who "is, are or shall be reconciled to or shall hold communion with the see or church of Rome or shall profess the popish religion or shall marry a papist" shall, for succession purposes, be treated "as if said person were naturally dead".

In 1992 lifting the ban on the monarch being a | of the best and the brightest, has Roman Catholic would hardly restart the Gordon riots, but would none the less raise awkward questions for the establishment of the Church of England.

When the Queen's sons began to reach eligibility in the 1960s there was some concern in court circles at the shortage of suitable Protestant princesses in Europe. Because of the 1700 Act Catholic princesses were regarded as out of bounds, though princesses are trained in royalty from birth and know, it was said, "how to

The other obvious source for marriage partners for royalty, the Sloane Ranger or Hooray Henry offspring of the English titled and landed gentry, were looked down on by a certain sort of courtier as "not quite suitable". But if marriages in the royal family no longer have either exemplary or Jay Gatsby, the Trinity impos-constitutional significance, there is no longer any ter, called it. justification for restricting royalty's freedom to couple or uncouple as it pleases.

Poor economic figures have put the Tory campaign on the defensive, writes Peter Riddell

The Tories are in trouble.

On his next visit to his Huntingdon constituency John Major should make a detour to see Iris Talbot in Letchworth. He would be assured of a friendly welcome. She thinks the prime minister is a thinks the prime minister is a "gentleman" and does not want "that awful Mr Kinnock". But, for the first time, she is thinking of not voting Tory.

Mrs Talbot is unhappy about the Tories' record, especially the recession. Her husband was recently made redundant by the ICL computer group. She is sceptical about Tory pledges: "If they haven't done it by now, when will they do it?"

Her comments are typical of many I heard while accompanying canvassers around a big housing estate in this north Hertfordshire town. Roughly a third of the houses have been bought by their previous tenants, like the Talbots. It is the type of lower middle-class/-skilled working-class area where the Tories made big inroads in the 1980s. It is Middle England

Labour ahead on points which George Orwell would have understood, people who are interested in the election but RIDDELLON THE ELECTION

for fear of offending neighbours. But voters there are now uneasy, point or two to 16 or 17 per cent. But there is a lot of Talking to voters is a refresh-

How does this campaign differ from previous ones? The parties have prepared all the details to minimise risk of the unforeseen. Each party has its campaign time (uniformly dreadful), its carefully designed sets and its group of televisual spokesmen so that there is no room for spontaneity or maver-icks. We will hear little of Dennis Skinner or Nicholas Budgen over the next three weeks. Consequently, so far there have been gaffes. The sole interest has been the broadcast featuring

Mr Major's return to Brixton. Which party has had the best campaign so far? Labour has made a stronger start. Its shadow budget on Monday, manifesto on Wednesday, and first television election broadcast on Thursday all sounded positive. They conveyed a clear message that a big majority of families would gain from the party's proposals that more money would be spent on health, education and training (all areas favoured by the public) and that the party would do something about the recession. The party has appeared like a government in wairing; John Smith was billed as Labour's chancellor. not shadow chancellor, in Thursday's broadcast.

By contrast, the Tories have sounded negative. Faced by bad industrial output and unem-

been on the defensive about the economy. They have also concentrated on attacking Labour's tax plans, especially the large losses for many on middle incomes. The Tories' own Budget has had little impact and, while its manifesto contained many ideas, particularly on extending ownership, it failed to project a clear Conservative

ing? Mr Major has retained his big margin of personal popularity over the opposition leaders, and the Tories have put him at the centre of their campaign. Neil Kinnock's public appearances are tightly controlled and he has shown his strengths as a stirring platform orator. Paddy Ashdown, bearing much of the burden, has shown energy, as well as the advantage of having ployment figures, they have only a single leader rather than

How are the leaders perform-

the divisions of the dual leadership of the old Alliance.

How worried are the Tories? Publicly, Tory officials claim always to have thought it would take a week or so for their counterattack against Labour's tax plans to change opinion. They point to a more aggressive approach over the past two days. Privately, some jitteriness is evident; there are already rumbies of discontent in the Tory press and among some Thatcherites. If the poils tomorrow and early next week show that Labour is pulling ahead, Conservative Central Office is likely to come under fire with

demands for changes. Who is going to win? The electorate has little enthusiasm for either of the main parties and little faith in their ability to get Britain out of recession. So far Labour's "time for a change" appeal has made more impact than the Tories' warnings against Labour. Mr Major still has lot to do to persuade waver-ing Tories that his party de-

An Oxonian for president?

No Rhodes scholar in 99 years has come close to the White House until now, Charles Bremner says

f he is watching from some celestial verandah, sundowner in hand, Cecil Rhodes may be allowing himself a little satisfaction. For the first time in the 99 years since the old imperialist endowed his scholarships to give high achievers from the colonies, America and Germany the benefit of an Oxford education, one of his proteges has reached striking distance of the Ameri-

Bill Clinton, a scholar of 1968-70, will, if he wins the Democratic nomination, be the first Oxonian candidate. He will bring with him an outlook honed by his autors at University College and a brains trust of his contemporaries, a force which The Wall Street Journal has dubbed his "patriot miss-ile". These include Robert Reich, the media's favourite professor at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government: George Stephanopoulos, his campaign manager, Michael Mandel-baum, a national security expert; as well as a prominent journalist or two and a judge.

Only once before, when John Kennedy picked Dean Rusk, the Secretary of State, and a batch of other Rhodesmen for his team such an Oxford "mafia" had its hands near the levers of American power. In an oft-told anecdote. Rusk noted their preponderance at a White House meeting and quipped: "Just as I thought, Harvard gets the credit and Oxford does the work."

The rise of "Slick Willie" Clinton of Arkansas, has revived some old polemics about America's Oxonians and in particular about the Rhodes system which dominates them. For generations, America has been in two minds about "Oggsford College in England" as the admirer of ter, called it.

A stint among the dreaming spires is seen either as proof of

ultimate polish or hopeless thrall to Anglophile snobbery. On the admiring side, Jimmy Carter often lamented his sense of failure over missing out on a Rhodes. In the pre-war years, Robert McCormick, the irascible owner of the Chicago Tri-bune, waged an anti-Oxford campaign that kept Rhodes types out of midwestern politics. That old animosity has faded, as was shown this week when Mel Reynolds, a Rhodes man, ousted a sitting congressman for the Democratic nomination in a

who do not proclaim their political beliefs loudly, in part

ing reminder that for most

people politics is not as clear cut

as the parties pretend. Here are

some questions to clarify the

After a week of formal cam-

paigning is anything dear yet? Not much. Voters are only

starting to come to terms with

the outpouring of party propa-ganda. Ahead of a batch of polls in the Sunday papers, the pse-phologists broadly agree that Labour has a slight edge, per-haps of 41 to 39 per cent, over the Tories, and the Liberal Democrats have picked up a

Democrats have picked up a

safe Chicago seat.

Some 2,000 former Yanks at Oxford can be found throughout the upper echelons of American life, many of them doctors, lawyers, administrators and publishers. The current notables publishers. The current notables include five senators, two supreme court judges, three state governors, several congressmen and a battery of ambassadors. William Fulbright, the former species and mentages are species and mentages. senator, scholar and mentor to Mr Clinton, is to toast the Queen at next month's "Boat Race" dinner in Washington.

As a measure of their clout, American Oxonians have lately forked out £44 million to the Oxford fund-raising effort Cambridge, lacking the Oxford aura and the immense cachet of Rhodesdom, has received a smaller sum. As Frank Sievens. chairman of the Washington Oxford-Cambridge committee and spokesman for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, puts it: Americans go to Cambridge for study but to Oxford for "improving themselves". However, Mr Sieverts, like

other Oxonians, laughs off talk of a cosa nostra of former Yanks at Oxford. They may see themselves as "a sort of surrogate aristocracy", as one put it, but they are not a power elite such as the British old-boy establishment. One eminent alumnus says the two years at Oxford, in which scholars take an accelerated version of the



Cecil Rhodes: his scholars have been typecast as smooth courtiers, not the stuff of presidents

bachelor's degree, tends to add to the networks they have already established at their first. usually Ivy League, universities. Mr Clinton's Oxford gang, who so effectively squelched the media damage from those early questions about his character, are complemented by other FOBs, or Friends of Bill, acquired during his time at Georgetown University and Yale Law School. Indeed, the failure so far of

any of the 3,000 or so Rhodesmen or women to reach the pinnacle of American power is sometimes taken as proof that the scheme has not lived up to Rhodes's vision of a breeding ground for future leaders. With its emphasis on popular allrounders who are as handy with an oar as a card-index, the Rhodes system tends to promote young people "with a brilliant future behind them", as the old

saw goes. These are smooth

operators rather than the iconoclasts and mavericks who break through as presidents, chief executives and generals. As born courtiers and appointees, Rhodesmen make ideal ambassadors, not presidential candi-

dates, the critics say. Mr Clinton may prove the exception to the wisdom, but some are already using it to nail him. Michael Kinsley, an editor of The New Republic, television commentator and Magdalen

man of the early 1970s, has diagnosed in Mr Clinton the classic Oxonian mentality of "slick ambition and earnest. almost naive idealism". These positively oozed, says Mr Kinsley, from the young Clin-ton's now infamous letter from Oxford, in which he agonised over avoiding the military draft to Vietnam and the need to

maintain "political viability". The "ravenous need for approval" for which Mr Kinsley skewers his fellows has been a matter of some jest at Oxford since the earliest days. One of the funniest portraits can be found in the person of Abimlech V. Oover of Trinity, the verbose American who appears in Zuleika Dobson, Max Beerbohm's glorious satire of 1911. Oover, writes Beerbohm, was a model of American Rhodes bores, "with their splendid native gift of oratory and their modest desire to please".

or decades, this haughty native view has stung the American scholars. some of whom have been ungrateful enough to question the value of exile in that damp and draughty city of bad food and silly rituals. Mr. Stephanopoulos, a Balliol man. recalled a saying for the behav-iour of English fellow students when they passed on the street:
"Bird on a tree". When they saw an American coming, they would turn their attention to a tree. James Fallows, the Washington editor of The Atlantic Monthly and expert on Japan, describes his time at Queen's in the early 1970s as a "long ritual humiliation" and he still muses about the irony of listening to his tutor conveying superior British ideas about economics while strikes left the room unheated.

The Rhodes system does, however, breed civilised moderation. Messrs Fallows and Kinsley, both senior members of the American chattering classes, are quick to stress their underlying affection for Britain. This sentiment, shared by the Oxonians around the Arkansas governor, should prove a precious asset for the waning "special relation-ship" should the Democrats win the White House in November.

...and moreover PHILIP HOWARD

The S-word is studiously avoided in the Labour party's manifesto. In that eructation of verbosity, there is room for dozens of references to caring, community, common-sense, and other words that are deemed to have an encouraging sound by the politico-linguistic witch doctors. Our attention is drawn to the curious incident of socialism in the manifesto. It is not mentioned. That is the

curious incident. The way that socialism has become a non-word is a local phenomenon. On Thursday the Prime Minister of Bulgaria wrote to The Times pointing out that the former Bulgarian Communist Party now operates under the name of Socialist. In the sec-saw of language, social-ism is on the up in the former satrapies of the Soviet empire, while it is so down in the UK that our native socialist party dares not speak its name. In the United States, homeland of individualism, socialism has always been a highly charged negative word, carrying such sibilant scorn as scum and sodomite. In many countries of continental Europe, socialism (particularly with the suffix of democrat) is a highly respect-able and rather self-satisfied epithet. This shows that socialist is one of the most volatile and contentious value words.

In language there is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so. Socialism started its lexical career as a blameless and praiseless word. It is de-scended from the Latin word for exist. In its primitive sense of

a chum. It was ruined when it was taken up by the arguing classes in the early 19th century. and split into two broad streams of meaning, with numerous local tributaries. The first mean-ing was the simplest: to describe society as the system of living together rather than as anchorites. A social reformer was somebody who wanted to

reform the way we live together. But in political philosophy socialism was given a second specialised meaning, explicitly contrasted with individualist and capitalist theories of society. The first and plain kind of socialism aimed to extend social justice, develop liberal values, end privileges and inequalities, and generally improve society. The second sharper jargon use of socialism was explicitly con-trasted with industrial capitalism and the system of wage-

This narrow version of socialism thought that a capitalist society and private ownership of the means of production prevented the creation of a just social order. In particular, this kind of socialism said that social justice would not come until a society based on private property and the market was replaced by one based on social ownership and control. It was a utopian ideal, invented by intellectuals who never had to buy a bath plug, or face up to the dirty reality of human nature. This was the kind of socialism Ma Thatcher had in mind when

people living together in a community, by God, Sir, she had better believe in society, unless she intends to become a solitary stylite - which is not her scene at all. And they had better dust

In the political ferment of the first half of the 19th century, it took socialism a long time to settle into the dictionary. Other words were in competition with it and for a time perfermed to it, and for a time preferred: co-operative, mutualist, associationist, societarian, phalan-sterian (from phalam), agra-ianist, radical. In England, communist had strong religious attachments, while socialist was opposed to religion. Class came into it. It usually does. In his Preface of 1888, looking back on the Communist Manifesto, Engels wrote: "We could not have called it a Socialist manifesto. In 1847, Socialism was a mid-dle-class movement, Com-munism a working-class movement. Socialism was, on the continent, respectable; Communism was the very opposite."

Socialism is dead, linguis-tically, in England for the present But society lives. It had better. "Compassion is not a sloppy, sentimental feeling for people who are underprivileged or sick. It is an absolutely practical belief that, regardless of a person's background, ability or ability to pay, he should be provided with the best that society has to offer." Neil Kinnock, in his maiden speech. Would that he were always so clear, and so socialist (in its

Private lives, public relations

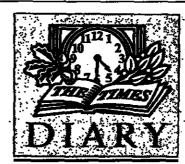
CHARLES ANSON may have been forced to apologise for his part in the row over the Yorks' separation but his irritation with the increasing use of outside PR advice by the younger royals is understandable.
While Sir Tim Bell and his

employees were not responsible for initial leak, David McDonough, a PR consultant who works for Bell, was at the Yorks' home as recently as Wednesday this week at the personal request of the Duchess to advise on how the separation should be handled.

McDonough, aged 37, has been with Lowe Bell for about 18 months and met the Duchess through his first wife Kiki before the Yorks' marriage. He was telephoned at home by the Duchess on Wednesday morning and asked to call at Sunninghill Park. Before agreeing McDonough sought the permission of Bell, who consented on the understanding that he was acting in a private capacity. McDonough rang Bell again from the Yorks' home after meeting the Duke the Duchess together. He advised Bell that the split was irrevocable and that the Palace would be making a state-

ment on Thursday.
What happened between that meeting and Anson's outburst against Bell the following day is not clear. But it is now known that McDonough first started advising both of the Yorks on "media relations" earlier this year, long before the split story broke. All insist that this was in a strictly "personal

capacity". Bell was yesterday denying a series of stories linking him with the Duchess. He rebutted a claim that he had attended a "summit"



with the Yorks and other members of the royal family at Kensington Palace in February at which the public image of the Duchess was discussed. Bell was also furious that the Palace failed to contact him to clarify his role before Anson's attack. He denied sugges-tions that last year he had offered his services to Buckingham Palace as a consultant at an annual fee of £70,000. Given events of the past 48 hours some at the Palace must now be wishing that he had been employed.

• What to do with those 10,000 unsold BBC videos of Prince Andrew's wedding? BBC Enterprises were yesterday awaiting a call from Buckingham Palace. "Selling this tape could be considered distasteful. If we hear from the Palace, we will act immediately. Compared with other royal videos it was never a best-seller anyway."

Troubled paths

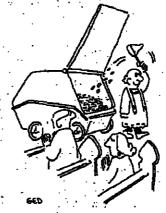
FOLLOWERS of A.S. Byatt on what has become known as "the Possession run" are causing serious concern to the guardians ofthe North Yorkshire moors. Readers of the Booker Prize winning novel are hardly given to acts of hooliganism, but the numbers seeking to identify the book's landmarks are worrying the National

Park. Stuart Copeland, of the park authorities, says: "The problem is that places in Possession are easy to identify."
Byatt sympathises. "I know the

area inside out. When I was at hateful school in York they used to tip us out on the moors. When i was getting divorced I tramped the Roman road north from Pickering. Americans in particular seem to want to follow my footsteps." With Warner Brothers buying the option on the film, the problem is unlikely to go away. "Unless some big financial person decides to set it in Arizona," says Byatt. "That would certainly de-light the park."

Pew, what a scorcher

THOSE who see the church collection as a repository for for-eign coins left over from the last summer holiday have been put to shame by Holy Trinity Brompton



in Knightsbridge. The church has just finished counting the collection from a Sunday service last month which raised a staggering £152,000. The congregation of nearly 1,000 chipped in after an appeal by the vicar, the Rev Sandy

Millar. Michael Alison, a church

Park next week.

commissioner and former PPS to Mrs Thatcher, who is a prominent member of the congregation, says: "Admittedly Holy Trinity has a well heeled congregation from a relatively wealthy area. But it was a magnificent total."

Lambeth Palace says it keeps no league table of record collections. But, with the possible exception of a Billy Graham football stadium raily, can any British pulpit have ever topped Millar's appeal?

Byronic folk?

THE BYRON Society's genteel annual dinner at the House of Lords last night was a distinctly unByronic affair. Those celebrating the poet were treated to a learned lecture from Lord Blake. The occasion hardly seemed to reflect the spirit of the man who

Let us have wine and women, mirth and laughter, Sermons and soda-water the day

The present Lord Byron, a sober solicitor, proposed the vote of thanks but even romantic poetry could not avoid the intrusion of the election campaign. Michael Foot, deputy chairman of the society, sent his apologies with a note:
"Say to Lord Blake," wrote Foot, recalling a bon mot of Byron, "that God will not always be a Tory."

• If the election campaign is bearing an increasingly close resemblance to something out of Disneyland it is hardly surprising. The Tories have brought in Gary Withers to stage-manage the prime minister's railies. Withers, the creative force behind the design group Imagination, has one other large project at the moment: he designed the 70 foot Disney castle to be unveiled in the Disney speciacular at Battersea

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WHOSE INFLATION?

This election's economic statistics have not been kind to the government. Yesterday inflation was expected to have continued its recent downward path. In the event, it stayed the same. Few economists were dismayed. They are divided between those who believe that the Chancellor's prediction of 34 per. cent inflation next year is right, and those who expect something even lower. Growth, unemployment, balance of payments, and interest rates may be better left unmentioned but inflation is the one statistic to which John Major's government can nail its colours.

Neil Kinnock called the figures "a very grave disappointment for the government". Of all the grounds on which the Labour leader will attack the government in this campaign, this is surely the least plausible. John Major, like Margaret Thatcher before him, has made the conquest of inflation the talisman of his economic policy. "People have not taken on board how much I loathe inflation," he told The Times this week. Its conquest has become a near obsession. The price in high unemployment double-digit interest rates and record bankruptcies is, in the Chancellor's words, "well worth paying". While others, including this newspaper, might quarrel with so singular an objective in any political economy, at least the policy has achieved its stated aim. British inflation is now lower even than Germany's.

The inflation question in this campaign should be addressed to Mr Kinnock, Labour insists it is against inflation and its manifesto promises to curb it. The pound's value in the exchange-rate mechanism will be maintained, credit managed and "excessive" price. rises for water, electricity, telephones, transport and prescriptions prevented, its manifesto says. Yet inflation is a standing temptation to any government of the left, the technical outcome of the prescriptive policy known as reflation.

Mr Kinnock and John Smith, his stern chancellor, forswear any intention of using inflation as a redistributive weapon against those on fixed incomes or with fixed savings. Yet the policies on which they are fighting are not reassuring. Public expenditure will have a high prior claim on national resources. A Labour government will borrow

more than the Tories, since it will (says Labour) not have the benefit of receipts from privatisation. Private consumption will have to scrabble for the scraps left over.

Those were Labour's priorities too in 1964-70, and again in 1974-7. Inflationary wage claims, as those in work sought to preserve living standards, were the result. Those claims this time will be exacerbated by Labour's national minimum wage. According to the independent National Institute for Economic and Social Research, the party's declared policies will add 3 per cent to annual wage inflation by the end of 1993. Inflation will then be 5 h per cent, two points higher than under the Tories.

The National Institute assumes that Labour sticks firm to the ERM. Mr Kinnock's and Mr Smith's commitment here is not in doubt. Mr Kinnock has forbidden the shadow cabinet even to discuss the possibility of leaving the ERM or lowering the parity of the pound within it. But some shadow ministers remember that Harold Wilson forbade his cabinet to discuss devaluation between 1964 and 1967. They do not intend to stay gagged for ever.

The argument against fixed exchange rates is as valid for Labour as for the Tories. The difference is that Labour is more inclined to opt for inflation and growth than deflation and continued recession. Imagine the governor of the Bank of England, in all his pomp, visiting Number 10 to tell Mr Kinnock that interest rates must go up. Will Mr Kinnock agree? Or will he and his colleagues find their commitment to the ERM parity suddenly less attractive? One devaluation of the parity within the ERM might be negotiable with Europe. But it is no good Labour pretending that, coupled with the party's other cost-push policies, it would not rekindle the fires of inflation.

There is much to be said against the present government's continued repression of economic activity in the cause of an unmeetable target of zero growth in prices. It is even possible that interest rates could be' lowered without damaging sterling's ERM parity. But for Labour to pretend that its policies might better the government's on inflation is fantasy.

BURMESE BULLIES

If the new world order is to mean anything, it cannot include as a normal member of international society the kind of gangster government that has tyrannised Burma for a generation. That hapless country suffers under a regime that annuls elections, imprisons and tortures its opponents, burnsvillages, and kills men, women and children while herding the survivors of a persecuted ethnic minority into labour camps.

The world has at last lost patience with the State Law and Order Restoration Council in Rangoon, which is carrying out a pogrom against the Rohingyas, a Muslim community in the western Arakan province, while simultaneously invading Thailand to bomb and shell Karen rebels on the Thai border in the east. President Bush has already suspended aid programmes and imposed trade sanctions on Burma. Now he has warned the junta that America will step up its pressure and has promised support for Bangladesh in its attempt to cope with a tide of refugees arriving at the rate of over 4,000 a day.

The United Nations is to send Jan Eliasson, the under-secretary general and emergency relief co-ordinator, to Rangoon next week to try to halt the persecution that is causing the exodus. And Burma's neighbours have now realised that they can no longer connive in the evil by ignoring the violations of human rights while negotiating profitable logging deals and selling arms to a -junta made rich from opium smuggling.

The reluctance of fellow south-east Asian countries to confront Burma is the main reason why the junta has been able to shrug off world outrage over its cancellation of the election results and house arrest of Aung San Suu Kyi, the 1991 Nobel peace prize winner. The Burmese army is strong, ruthless and used to jungle combat. Neither impoverished Bangladesh nor Thailand has been able to

risk a confrontation, especially as Burma has iong enjoyed the shadowy protection of China Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore believed Burma could be left out of any south-east Asian equation. None has a good enough human rights record to join any crosade against Burma's violations.

Their insouciance is no longer tenable. The junta's persecution of the Rohingyas has alseady driven 210,000 over the border into Bangladesh, and the number could soon reach 300,000. Bangladesh, one of the world's poorest countries, cannot feed or house them. They are spawning guerrilla organisations that may soon provoke retaliation from Burma. Thailand too can no longer ignore the daily violations of its sovereignty as Burmese troops occupy Thai border zones to plan their attack on the Karen headquarters. Burma is now behaving like Cambodia under the Khmer Rouge, its brutality at home directly threatening the political stability of its neighbours.

South-east Asia may now be more responsive to the warnings that have largely come from the West. Bangladesh has called for UN help, and China, India and Japan are being pushed to take a tougher line - not before time. China especially should use its influence in Rangoon to warn the junta of the consequences of its policies.

The UN Security Council must treat the persecution of the Rohingyas as a threat to international peace and security, as was Iraq's killing of the Kurds. Rangoon must be threatened with graduated penalties, including an immediate halt to the \$6 billion arms and trade links with neighbouring countries, a cut-off of all Western aid and possible fullscale UN sanctions. The world is paying heavily for the legacy of the Khmer Rouge, it cannot afford to pay again for the destruction caused by the Rangoon junta.

FLYING CANDIDATES

Which party promises low taxes for all, total security, and the complete elimination of disease, crime and pollution from the land? It sounds worth a whistle, and even a vote. Especially when the party undertakes in addition to keep the path of politics neat. clean, progressive and inspiring to all,

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* grammed. nourishing to all, and satisfying to all. This is the Natural Law party, which launched its campaign yesterday, and interrupted The Times's election coverage with a page advertisement of its manifesto beside another full page portraying 119 of its candidates. They stared out of their oval frames with grins glassy enough to make a sensitive reader do the nose trick with his coffee. The party declares that it aims to have . candidates in all 651 constituencies, which is going to cost it £320,550 (if it achieves its aim), even before it pays for its double-page spread. The manifesto is silent on the party's

attitude to the prompt payment of bills. That is about the only issue on which this latest manifesto of the 1992 election is silent. The Natural Law party has understood the natural law of political manifestos, which is that they should be generally inspiring but say nothing binding. The thousands of words in its manifesto contain a mountain of verbiage to a wormcast of hard policy, as a good manifesto should. Its introductory axiom, "Only a new seed will yield a new crop", is a meaningless Old Muckspreader agnicultural proverb, which would make as much (or as little) sense if old were

substituted for new in any permutation. If they had lived up to their policies, the leaders of the Natural Law party should have levitated while they launched their campaign yesterday. This is not to make any insimuation about their weight as politicians. But these are the original floating voters. Levita-tion is part of their way of life. The party is the latest reincarnation of the gossamer ideology of the Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, once personal guru to the Beatles, later transmogrified into transcendental meditation or TM, with Yogic and Vedantic trimmings.

But then every politician is a promising politician. Natural Law merely promises more incredibly than most. That is no reason for denying it its place in the election campaign, which amacts publicity-seekers as a bonfire attracts fly-by-nights. Political purists want to discourage such wild and woolly fringe candidates by raising the cost of a lost deposit from £500 to £1,000, or even £5,000, and by increasing the number of electors in a constituency needed to sign a

candidate's nomination papers to 100. By no means all who announce they are standing for Parliament with serious intent actually run, once they have enjoyed their moment in the camera fusillade. The fringes bring a touch of levity to the grey grind of election time. They serve the purpose of the Roman slave standing behind the conquering hero in his chariot, whispering in his ear to remember that he is mortal, and that there are more things in heaven and earth than are dreamed of in his politics. As for manifestos, when any political party performs all its vaguely high-minded promises, pigs (or politicians) will fly.

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From the Lord Chancellor Sir, The attempt by the Chairman of the Bar and the President of the Law Society (letter, March 14) to draw a comparison between the payment regime which operates for legal aid and the Chancellor of the Exchequer's moves to assist small companies suffering from late pay-

detailed assessment, is an object of my proposal for standard fees.

Where an assessment is to be made the amount owing is not determined until the end of the case. In order to assist the profession's cash flow, shortly after I came to office, I was able to introduce a permanent pay-ments-on-account scheme in which lawyers are paid after 18 months of the issue of a civil legal aid certificate (i.e., a date before the work starts) a percentage, not of the amount ow-ing, as the letter suggests, but of the amount claimed in respect of work done up to the date of claim.

The percentages paid have risen 8 per cent per annum each year from 1989-90. I have been able to shorten the qualifying time for solicitors this year to 12 months, although retaining last year's percentage payment. The Bar did not find this change

one I strongly support. I would be delighted if the legal profession could magistrates' courts.

Yours sincerely, JAMES MACKAY, House of Lords.

From the Director General of the

ment and facilities.

Our awards provide the first natachieve", as your correspondents allege, nor will they merely "signify excellent water quality". They will show that a beach has attained and

will have their flag and award removed. A beach attaining the EC's higher "guideline" water quality will be awarded a premier category of the Seaside Award, signifying that it has attained a higher standard than any blue-flag beach.

Remembrance of TA

From Mr Claude R. Hart

Sir, The "Options for Change" initiative will eventually lead to the closing of various TA establishments throughout the UK. Here in Sevenoaks, for instance, the drill hall is already threatened with demolition.

recording these establishments for posterity? In their heyday, from before the first world war to after the second, these buildings oversaw the selfless labours of two generations.

spirit these buildings represented were lost to future generations.

Yours sincerely, CLAUDE R. HART, 6 Egdean Walk, Dartford Road, Sevenoaks, Kent.

Chi canta?

From Mr John Sherman

Sir. In her column praising the Coliscum ("Chorus of approval", March 19), Rachel Kelly writes breathlessly of the emotional power of opera. The Duke's rendition of the aria Caro nome to Gilda, in Rigoletto, made the hairs on the back of her neck bristle, she says. It must have had at least the same effect on Gilda, who was meant to be singing it.

Yours faithfully, JOHN SHERMAN, 97 Barkston Gardens, SW5.

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ERS TO THE EDITOR

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Speedier payment Church's ministry among the Jews From Lord Blanch of legal fees

(founded 1809).

ment of bills is misleading. The system of payment operated for the legal profession, as a result of arrangements long since established. is that payment is determined at the end of the case by a process of assessment or taxation, with an ultimate appeal to the court if the lawyer is not satisfied with the assessment. To depart from this system to one in which payment can be determined quickly, and without

attractive.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer was referring to companies who deliberately delayed payment of amounts legally due. This position is move to a position which obviated the need for determination of fees at the end of a case. A most suitable area for such a change, because 67 per cent of the payments are under £400, is that for defence work in the

Beaches and blue flags Tidy Britain Group

Sir. The condemnation by Guy Linley-Adams and Gina Rozner (let-ter, March 13) of this group's new Seaside Awards is misleading. As the co-ordinating body for the European blue flag in Britain, we are concerned that the public should be as well informed as possible about the beaches in the United Kingdom that attain high water quality and good standards of cleanliness, manage-

ional measure by which to assess UK beaches. They will not be "easy to maintained high standards in both water quality (meeting at least the mandatory EC requirement) and higher criteria for the conditions of beaches than those required for the

European blue flag.
All beaches falling below standard

Yours faithfully, GRAHAM ASHWORTH. Director General, Tidy Britain Group, The Pier, Wigan, Greater Manchester. March 17.

Should not someone take charge of

What a shame it would be if the

From Mr Humphry Berkeley

Sir. I am greatly flattered by the remarks made about me by my friend, Sir Robert Rhodes James, in his article of March 14 ("Here's to the class of '59"). To answer his question, I joined the Labour party in 1970 and joined the SDP, because the Labour party adopted a nonnuclear defence policy. I rejoined the Labour party in 1988, when Neil Kinnock made it plain that a Labour government would not give away our nuclear capacity without any concessions in return. It is often not realised that political parties change their character quite as frequently as people change their views.

Yours faithfully HUMPHRY BERKELEY. Three Pages Yard, Chiswick, W4.

contrast to the savage persecutions

Longley alludes.

and forcible conversions to which Mr

I could not have remained presi-

dent of the society if I had suspected

that its work was being conducted on

the basis of high-pressure salesmanship, misleading arguments or invidious comparisons. It stands for

a "ministry amongst the Jews" on

behalf of a church which owes

everything to Abraham, Isaac and

Jacob, and so often disowns or

ignores its own origins. Jesus was a

The Archbishop of Canterbury's

recent decision (report, March 11),

of which Mr Longley writes, does not imply any criticism of the society, as

he has made abundantly clear, but

proceeds from his overriding respon-

sibility for promoting harmonious relationships across the boundaries

of race and religion world wide. With

that end in view he has to limit his

formal links with particular enter-

prises, however valuable in their own

By contrast, trade policy is a major item on the United States political agenda. Yet the US is proportion-ately less dependent on world trade

as a percentage of its total economy.

The seeming indifference to trade policy in the UK is also in sharp

contrast to earlier British political

debates where the difference between

free trade and protection provided the central delineation in politics up

The nation's future in large part

will be determined by the dev-

elopment of trade policy. It is a sad

commentary on the present debate

that it is absent from the rhetoric, and indeed largely from the manifes-tos, of the two larger parties.

Portland House, Stag Place, SW1.

Smith's budget plans by the Institute

for Fiscal Studies (they estimate that four out of five families would gain).

Use of such representative surveys

is essential to put Mr Kaletsky's

examples in perspective. He refers to a man on £30,000 as "middle-class":

but 19 out of 20 people earn less than this amount (New Earnings Survey.

Sir, Anatole Kaletsky told only part

of the story. When tax rates were very

high there were a number of tax-

deductible benefits. As rates came

down these were eliminated or

reduced. Not only do the higher rates

proposed by Labour start at much lower thresholds than in the past (or

than in other countries), benefits are

demonstrates, the present Labour

leadership and the party in general has time and time again, in Latin

America, Africa and East Europe,

shown an unnerving willingness in recent years to place socialist ideol-

ogy and international fraternity be-

Whilst, for example Bryan Gould. Ann Clwyd and other Labour front-

benchers continue to support the pro-Castro UK-Cuba Friendship As-

sociation we should be aware that

not all the skeletons may yet have

been banished from the Labour closet.

International Freedom Foundation,

counted basis on which most firms

In the case of this company, these

benefits in cash terms are only a

modest fraction of the substantial

and direct disincentive to manage-

ment which Labour's personal tax

proposals threaten. Surely it is men.

not machines on their own, that

generate wealth from investment?

Suite 500, Chesham House,

150 Regent Street, W1.

appraise investment.

Yours faithfully.

WEIR, Chairman,

149 Newlands Road,

Cathcart, Glasgow.

The Weir Group.

Yours faithfully, JONATHAN TAYLOR,

Chief Executive,

Booker plc,

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P. BRADBURY.

10 Holly Dene Drive,

fore national interest.

Yours faithfully,

March 18.

MARC GORDON

(Executive Director),

Bolton, Greater Manchester.

Yours faithfully, A. B. ATKINSON,

Brightlingsea, Essex.

From Mr P. Bradbury

33 Hurst Green.

Yours sincerely.

BLANCH, House of Lords.

until the 1930s.

Sir, I write to applaud Clifford Longley's article, "Christians and Jews are both 'peoples of God'.' (March 14), and to respond to it. I do so as president of the CMJ (Church's Ministry among the Jews) to which he refers. It is one of the oldest societies in the Anglican Church

The CMJ runs the Anglican School in Jerusalem, patronised by Jews, Arabs and expatriates. It owns a conference centre on Mount Carmel, which is used as a meeting place, without discrimination, by Arabs and Israelis, Jews and Christians, politicians and religious leaders of any persuasion. It sponsors Holy Land tours, remarkable for their non-partisan approach and impeccable scholarship.

CMJ counsellors are available in most of the main centres of Judaism world wide. It is not always recognised that many who are Jews by birth are seriously estranged from their ancestral religion and aloof from its faith and practice. It is especially amongst such that the society represents the more positive and pastoral side of Christianity, in

Trade policy gap From the Chief Executive

of Booker plc Sir, The public debate engendered by the general election campaign seems marked by the striking omission of a policy issue which goes to the heart of any sustained economic recovery. Trade policy, the future of the Uruguay Round, Gatt and re-form of the CAP barely feature in the various economic solutions and headline agenda items.

This is curious, given that most commentators point out that trade liberalisation is essential for creating conditions for sustained growth and prosperity. It is perhaps even stranger that there should be this absence of interest in the UK, which is a trading nation and depends to a large measure on the general level of world-trade.

Tax and middle classes From Professor A. B. Atkinson, FBA Sir, Articles by Anatole Kaletsky on Labour's shadow budget (March 16 and 17) demonstrate the potentially

misleading nature of hypothetical tax calculations. His example of a married man, with no children, and a mortgage of twice salary, raises more questions than it answers. How is the comparison with 1978 the main point of Mr Kaletsky's

article - affected by the particular assumptions? What would happen if the man were assumed to have paid off his mortgage, or to have income from savings, or if his wife had a job? Changing the assumptions in such hypothetical examples can change the conclusions: take away the mortgage and the results have to be substantially modified.

It is possible to multiply the examples, but none would be repre-sentative. This is why research on taxation policy has moved on in the past five years - to the use of taxbenefit models based on surveys of, the population. Such a model has been used in the examination of John

Foreign interest From Mr Marc Gordon

Sir, Peter Riddell makes the point that foreign policy will not have a high profile in the general election campaign (article, March 18).

However, his belief that "The broad approaches of the two parties have converged following Labour's switch to embrace the European Community and to accept the retention of the nuclear deterrent" is somewhat simplistic. The present government has made many errors internationally, not least over its hesitant response to the recent events in the ex-Soviet Union, but has in general supported free market and democratic forces where necessary.

As a report ("Safe in their hands") we have published this week ably

The business vote From the Chairman of the Weir Group

Sir. Lord Hollick and others (letter. March 18) applaud Labour's pro-posed "provision of capital allowances which will provide a substantial incentive to bring investment for-

They must be easily satisfied, as this "substantial incentive" is worth under 5 per cent on capital expen-diture in the first year, and a pairry 2 per cent on the longer term dis-

Political roundabout

Heartfelt prayer From Mr G. A. H. Watts

Sir, Some of your readers might be glad of the prayer offered during the communion service last Sunday by the Reverend Alan Graham of St Michael and All Angels, Lyndhurst, Hampshire

Lord, as we enter these weeks leading up to the general election, help and guide the leaders of the political parties . . and for those who have no interest in politics grant us the patience to cope.

Yours faithfully. G. A. H. WATTS, Stroat House, Stroat, Chepstow, Gwent. March 20.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number (071) 782 5046.

Under-developed but over-used

From Mrs Rosemary Bailey Sir. I read Mrs Peggy Harbidge's letter (March 18) with great excitement. Not being a keen photogra-pher I visit local chemists and camera shops to beg for these empty film canisters for which she seeks a

I am a Brownie Guider and have endless uses for them - storing sequins, tiny beads and other small craft items. Brownies do not waste so much glue if they are given a film container with a small amount in. But our best use is for sewing kits.

Yours faithfully, ROSEMARY BAILEY, 7 Tait House, Greet Street, SE1.

From Mrs Melissa Hawes Sir. The best use is as holders of my children's pocket money. One or two can hold savings, one can hold book money and one can hold money for sweets. They can be customised by each child, labelled and even decorated. They fit neatly into pockets. are hard to drop unwittingly and the close-fitting lids are particularly im-portant as one of my daughters has an uncanny knack of losing one

Yours faithfully MELISSA G. HAWES, 21 Allard Crescent, Bushev Heath, Hertfordshire.

From Mr D. W. Wilcox Sir, We have written separately to Mrs Harbidge about the recycling of plastic film containers, but would like to reassure your readers that Kodak Limited takes its "green"

responsibilities very seriously. When films are sent for processing. they should be returned in the canister. Procedures are in place for the canisters in turn to be sent to recycling agents: Yours faithfully, D. W. WILCOX (Manager,

Corporate Public Relations and Communications Division), Kodak Limited, PO Box 66, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire.

From Ms Peni Walker Sir, Peggy Harbidge identifies a problem which is all too common in this country — packaging manufac-turers just "don't want to know" when it comes to recycling their products. A European directive on packaging is being negotiated in Brussels — Friends of the Earth is pressing the government to agree to one which makes manufacturers responsible for ensuring that their

packaging gets recycled. In the meantime, such items could be returned to the manufacturers they created the problem, let them

Yours sincerely, PENI WALKER (Recycling campaigner), Friends of the Earth. 26-28 Underwood Street, N I

From Mr J. P. Chambers Sir, Film canisters, complete with colour-coded lids, are ideal for separating, storing and transporting coinage from different countries. In my experience only the 50p and Swiss 5-franc piece are too big. Yours sincerely.

. P. CHAMBERS, 24 Green Lane, Tadworth, Surrey.

From Dr R. M. Pearson Sir, They make very suitable containers for change for parking meters. Yours faithfully,

RICHARD PEARSON. 10 Clock Tower Mews. Arlington Avenue, Islington, N1.

From Mr Peter Butler Sir, Those pesky, plastic, pots are ideal companions on overseas trips.
Waterproof, light and taking little room, they have carried my pills and potions, salt, pepper and even Marmite these many years. Yours faithfully, PETER BUTLER,

9 Holborn, Westgate House, EC1.

From Mr C. J. E. Moysen Sir, I have found them an ideal alternative to hanging corks from your "Australian-look" outback headgear. Excellent for a fancy dress party.

C. J. E. MOYSEN. 3 Gaydon Road, Bishop's Itchington, Warwickshire.

From Mr Julian Smith Sir, I find they prove invaluable receptacles for safely keeping tube flies and hooks while salmon fishing. Yours faithfully. JULIAN SMITH.

Egremont House, Belmont. Nr Bolton, Lancashire.

From Ms Ann Drysdale Sir, Empty film containers, threaded in groups of seven or eight on random lengths of string, make an ideal gift for patio-squatting neighbours which is of equal benefit to both parties — the silent windchime. Yours faithfully, ANN DRYSDALE.

8 Mount Pleasant, Blaina, Gwent. From Mrs David Pentreath Sir, They are extremely useful for storing different sizes of calligraphy pen nibs, and also for carrying a

small amount of water for washing nibs at one's calligraphy classes. Yours faithfully, JUDITH PENTREATH. The Old House, Holt Green,

Wimborne, Dorset. From Dr S. Charles Lewsen Sir. Mrs Harbidge would be well advised to give them to any modern sculptor, whence they are quite likely to end up at the Tate.

Yours faithfully, S. CHARLES LEWSEN 35 Mariborough Place, NW8 To 10 To 10



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 20: The Queen visited the University of Surrey and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Surrey (Mr Rich-(The Duke of Kent) and the Vice-Chancellor (Professor Anthony

Her Majesty unveiled a hologram to inaugurate the Centre for Satellite Engineering Research and visited the Control Room of the University's Satellite

Programme.
After viewing an exhibition of the work of the University. The Queen honoured the Chancellor and the Senate and Council with

Her Majesty subsequently at-tended a Service of Thanksgiving in Guildford Cathedral to mark the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Battersea Polytechnic and of the Battersea Polytechnic and
the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of
the University, and was received
by the Dean (the Very Reverend
Alexander Wedderspoon) and the
Bishop of Guildford (the Right
Reverend Michael Adie).
The Countess of Airlie, Sir
Kenneth Scott and Wing
Commander David Walker, RAF,
were in attendance.

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The Queen was represented by Mr David Mansel Lewis, Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Dyfed, at the Funeral of Captain Dyled, at the Funeral of Capitali John Hext Lewes, formerly Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Dyfed, which was held in St Hilary's Church, Trefilan, today. The Duke of York, Parron of

the Contemporary Dance Trust, today visited The Place, 17 Duke's Road, London, W1. His Royal Highness watched a number of rehearsals and demonstrations of dance and

amended a luncheon for supporters of the Charity.

Captain Alexander Baillie-Hamilton was in attendance. The Princess Royal today visited Aberdeen and was received visited Aperdean and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Aberdeen (Councillor R. A. Robertson, the Lord Provost). Her Royal Highness opened

TODAY: Lord Boston of

Faversham, QC, 62; Mr Peter Brook, theatrical producer, 67; Dr C.L. Brundin, vice-chancellor.

Dr. C. L. Brundin, vice-chancellor, Warwick University, 61; Mr Brian Clough, football manager, 55; Miss Ann Clwyd, 55; Mr Timothy Dalton, actor, 46; Mr Michael Foreman, writer and illustrator, 54; Mr William Forrest, journalist, 90; Mrs Llin Golding, 59; Sir John Hall, chairman, Cameron Hall Developments, 59; Mr Michael Heseltine, 59; Mr Antony Hopkins, composer and conductor,

kins, composer and conductor. 71; Mr Frederic Horne, former Chief Taxing Master, Supreme Court, 75; Miss Ann Mackay.

soprano, 36; Sir Peter Main, former chairman, The Boots

Company, 67; the Earl of Mun-ster, 66; Baroness Nicol, 69; Lord

Oaksey, 63; Sir John Palmer, former president, Law Society.

72: Mr Geoffrey Pinnington.

former editor, Sunday People,

73: Mr Ayrton Senna, racing driver, 32: Sir Brian Shaw, chair-

man, ANZ Banking Group, 59;

Viscount Soulsbury, 77: the Earl of Swinton, 55; Major-General Sir John Swinton, 67: Sir Stanley

Tomlinson, diplomat, 80; Lord Wilson of Langside, QC, 76.

TOMORROW: Lord Alport, 80;

King George's Fund for Sailors

Admiral Sir Anthony Morton, Sir

Peter Cazalet and Captain Sir

Miles and Lady Wingate were the

hosts at a luncheon for the

Corporation of London given by

the King George's Fund for Sailors yesterday in HMS Juno.

by permission of Commander Malcolm Dodds, Commanding

Officer. Among those present

Luncheons

Mr George Benson, singer and Academy of Dancing, 45.

Allan and Dey Limited's modernised fish processing factory, Sinclair Road The Princess Royal, President, Save the Children Fund, after-

wards attended a Thanksgiving Service at St Mark's Church. Her Royal Highness, Patron, the Butler Trust, then visited HM Prison Aberdeen, Craiginches, in celebration of its centenary.
The Princess Royal, President.

The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, subsequently visited Woodhill House, Westburn Road. Finally, Her Royal Highness opened the new sports development programme at Robert Gordon's College, Aberdeen.

Mrs David Bowes Lyon was in

amendance.

The Prince Edward, Trusace, today gave a lunch for The Duke of Edinburgh's Award at Buckingham Palace.

KENSINGTON PALACE March 20: The Prince of Wales was represented by Sir Cennydd Traherne at the Funeral of Captain John Heat Lews which was held in St Hilary's Church, Trefilan, today.

KENSINGTON PALACE March 20: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon. today undertook engagements in Gwent and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the County of Gwent (Mr Richard

Hanbury-Tenison).
Her Royal Highness, member of the Court of Assistants of the Haberdashers' Company, visited the Monmouth School for Girls, as part of their Centenary The Princess Margaret, Count-

ess of Snowdon, then visited the Jones Almshouses, Monmouth, Later, Her Royal Highness, President of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, attended a Reception held at the Parkway Hotel, Cwmbran, to mark the launch of the Society's Gwent Centenary

Appeal.

Lady Aird was in attendance.

70: Viscount Bolingbroke, 65: Mrs Betty Callaway, ice-skating trainer, 64: Miss Sheila Cam-eron, QC, Vicar-General of the

eron, QC, Vicar-General of the Province of Canterbury, S8; the Very Rev Robert Craig, former Moderator of the General Assem-bly of the Church of Scotland, 75; Air Marshal Sir Denis Crowley-Milling, 73; Mr Philip Ely, presi-dent, Law Society, 56; Mr Brian Hanrahan, broadcaster, 43; Mr D.C. Lumman, chairman, British

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Waterways Board, 64; the Very Rev Lawrence Jackson, Provost of

Blackburn, 66: Professor Harry Kay, former vice-chancellor, Exe-

ter University, 73; Mr Andrew Lloyd Webber, composer, 44; M

Lloyd Webber, composer, 44; M Marcel Marceau, mime artist, 69; Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk, 76; Mr C.S. Pick, publisher, 75; Sir Lynden Pindling, Prime Min-ister of The Bahamas, 62; Sir Bryan Roberts, QC, 69; Mr Paul Schockemöhle, showjumper, 47; Mr Stephen Sondheim, composer and britists 62; Lord Stokes 78;

and lyricist, 62: Lord Stokes, 78:

Mr Leslie Thomas, author, 61: Admiral Sir Richard Thomas, 60; Miss Fanny Waterman, concert pianist and teacher, 72; Professor

D. Watson, director, Brighton Polytechnic, 43; Miss Priscilla

Yates, a former director, Royal

Gavyn Arthur, Mr and Mrs Pener Bigby, Mr and Mrs John Holland, Mr and Mrs Wimburn Horlock, Mr and Mrs Samuel Jones, the Rev David Burgess, Mr Adrian Barnes, Mr and Mrs Stroon Block, Mr and Mrs G H Challis, Mr Monty Williams and Mr Kevin Evereti.

Old Lerpoolian Society
District Judge John Artro-Morris,
President of the London branch

of the Lerpoolian Society, pre-sided at the annual dinner held

last night at the Middle Temple. Mr Roy Haygarth, Headmaster

Weekend birthdays



Cellist Rose Isaacson, aged 14, taking part in a 24-hour music marathon at the City of London School for Girls in the Barbican yesterday to raise money for a new grand piano for the school

LINCOUN'S DEN CHAPEL: 11.30 MP. Benedicite. Jubilate, Yeach me, O Lord (Bytd), Rev F V A Boyse.

TOWER OF LONDON, E.C.: 11 M & Sermon. Responses (Tomkins), Benedicite (Purcel). Benedicus (Chand. The ways of Sion do mount (Wisel, Canon.) G M W Murphy.

TEMPLE CHURCH. Fleet Street, EO: 8.30 HC, 11.15 MP. Responses (Rose), The Lamentations of Jeremich (Beinstow), Benedicitus (Primad in C. Lord ist me know mine and Greenel.

The Master.

57 CLEMENT DAMES (RAF Church)

ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) W(2: 9 & 12:15 EC: 11 M, Rev A T R

Anniversaries

Today BIRTHS: Johann Sebastian Bach, Eisenbach, Germany, 1685; Jean-Baptiste Fourier. mathematician, Auxerte, France, 1768; Henry Kirke White, poetastre, Notingham, 1785; Benito Juarez, president of Mexico, 1806; 72, San Pablo, Mexico, 1806; Albert Chevalier, music hall emertainer, London, 1861; Hans Hofmann, painter, Weissenberg. Germany, 1880.

DEATHS: Thomas Cranmer, archbishop of Canterbury 1533-56, burnt at the stake, Oxford, 1556; James Ussher, archbishop of Armagh 1625-56, Reigate, Surrey, 1656; Richard Dawes, Surrey, 1656; Richard Dawes, scholar, Heworth, near Newcastle, 1766; Jean-Baptiste Greuze, paimer, Paris, 1805; Robert Southey, Poet Laureate 1813-43, Keswick, 1843; William Scoresby, clergyman, Arctic explorer, Tonquay, 1857; Sir Michael Redgrave, actor, 1985. Massacre of Africans by police at Sharpeville, South Africa, 1960.

Tomorrow BIRTHS: Sir Anthony Van Dyke. BIKTHS: Sir Anthony Van Dyke, painter, Antwerp, 1599; Adam Serigwick, geologist and dales-man, Dent, Yorkshire, 1785; William I, king of Prussia 1861-88, German emperor 1871-88, Berlin, 1797; Carl Rosa, founder of the opera company bearing his name, Hamburg, 1842.

name, Hamourg, 1842.

DEATHS: Jean-Baptiste Lully, composer, Paris, 1687; John Canton, electrician, 1772; Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, poet, Weimar, Germany, 1832; Thomas Hughes, politician, author of Tom Brown's Schooldays, Brighton. 1896; Frederic William Farrar, dergyman, writer of school sto-ries, Camerbury, 1903; Michael Todd, film magnate, killed in an air crash, New Mexico, 1958.

Appointments Latest appointments include:

Mr Robert Parker to be Par-liamentary Counsel, in succession to Mr James Rennie, who has retired, Mr James Aiden O'Brien Quinn and Mr Makanmed Ilyas Khan to be full-time Immigration Adjudicators, from March 23.

Forthcoming marriages

Dr T.M. Austin and Miss J.V. Dunkley The forthcoming marriage is announced between Tom, son of Dr and Mrs Martin Austin, of Calgary, Canada, and brother of Mr Toby Austin, of Horsham. Sussex, and Jacqui, daughter of Mr and Mrs Loll Dunkley, of

Wolverhampton. Mr G. Burford and Miss T. Kerr The engagement is announced between Gary, eldest son of Mr and Mrs James Burford, of Bickley, Kent, and Timandra.

daughter of Mr and Mrs Simon Kerr, of Hartfield, Sussex. Mr A.E. Georgel and Miss F.M. Saul The engagement is announced

between Andrew, elder son of Mr and Mrs B. Georgel, of Tenenhall, West Midlands, and Frances, second daughter of Mr and Mrs P.B. Saul, of London, Mr J.R.L. Graham and Miss K.M. Humble

The engagement is announced between Ludo, son of Mr Antony Graham, of Appleton Roebuck, North Yorkshire, and Mrs Gillian Graham, of Fulham, London, and Kate, daughter of Mr and Mrs Nick Humble, of Beenham.

Dr T.G.B. Howe and Miss E.A.M. Basquin The engagement is announced between Thomas Gilbert Barham, only son of the late Air Commodore and Mrs Thomas E.B. Howe, of Liss, Hampshire, and Evelyne Anne-Marie, only daughter of M and Mme Robert Basquin, of Menucourt, France.

Mr A.D. Hughes
and Miss O. Loring
Commander and Mrs Julian
Loring have great pleasure in
announcing the engagement of
their daughter. Olivia, to Mr
Drew Hughes, younger son of Mr
and Mrs J.A. Hughes, of
Camberley, Surrey.

Army Catering Corps
Lieutenant-General Sir John
Wilsey, Representative Colonel

Commandant of the Army Caner-ing Corps, presided at a dinner held last night at St Omer Barracks, Aldershot, General Sir

John Learmont, Quartermaster

General, also spoke. Brigadiers Keith Hudson, Barrie Atkinson and Rodney Giles were among

Intelligence Corps Colonel Sir Greville Spratt, chair-

Service

dinners

those present.

and Miss A. Emin The engagement is announced between David, son of the Right Revd and Mrs Richard Liewellin, of Truro, Cornwall, and Aliye, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ayhan

Emin, of Hornsey, London.

Mr R.D. Longmore and Miss E.J. Samuel The engagement is announced between Richard David, eldest son of Mrs Cavanagh and stepson of Mr Peter Cavanagh, of Drucat, France, and Emma Jane, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Samuel, of Watergate House, Bosham, West

Major W.G. Luckyn-Malone and Miss J.J.B. Beattle The engagement is announced between Geoffrey Luckyn-

Malone, late the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, of Eastnor, Herefordshire, and Jennifer Jane Belissa, daughter of the late Major Ian Beattle and of Mrs. Edward Graves, of East Beattle Suffilk Bergholt, Suffolk. Mr P.R. Martin

and Miss V.J. Taylor The engagement is announced between Peter, twin son of Mr R.E. Martin, of Honiton, and Mrs D.L. Martin, of Wellington, and Valerie Joanne, only daughter of the late Mr A. Taylor and of Mrs K.M. Taylor, of West

Mr S.F. McCharkes and Miss M.C. St Leger The engagement is announced between Stephen, elder son of Mr and Mrs B. McCluskey, of Wezembeek-Oppem, Brussels, and Melloney, second daughter of Mr and Mrs J.A.C. St Leger, of Warmbrook, Throwleigh, Devon. Mr D.R. McNeill-Moss and Miss CJ. Davis

The engagement is announced between Desmond, younger son of Mr and Mrs Gilbert McNeill-Moss, of 15 Wellington Square, Chelsea, and Caroline, second daughter of Mr and Mrs John Davis, of 14 Arundel Road, Peacehaven, Sussex.

Church services tomorrow

Third Sunday in Lent

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.30 N: 9.30 S Buch (Our Lady Undercrott): 11 S Buch, Missa brevis in F, O vus omnes (Victoria), Rev J H R de Sausmarez: 3.15 E, Responses (Mendrie & Drumlië, Vannin D, Drup, siow team (Walnon): 6.30 Sarmon & Compline, The

Precenter.

FORK MINISTER: 8 & 8.45 HC: 10 S

Ruch, Linny (Loosemore, Missa Paper
Marcell Priestring), Rev J Mayland:
11.30 M. Responses (Moore, The
Lamentation (Baintow), Benedictus
(Moore); 4 E. Baintow in D. Blessed
Jeru, fount of mercy (Dvorak), Canon J

Tow.

Jenu, fount of merty (Dwornis), Canon J.
Toy.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC. 10.30
M. Responses (Gibbons & Banard),
Benedicire (Anticeld in P., Benedicins
(Stanford in G., Canon J. Halliburion:
11.30 HC. Missa O quam gloriburion:
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N. The Second Service (Leighton), O.
Lord. 100k down from feaven
(Samishill), Rev D Garlick.
WESTMINISTER ARBEY: 8 HC. 10 M.
Responses (Byrd), Benedicins Stanford
in Q. Wash me throughly (Wesley).
Canon C Semper; 11.15 Abby Fuch.
Missa Sanchae Trinimits (Griec), Rev P
Perguson; 3 E, Wesley in E, Ye now have
sorrow (Brahms), Esv A Viola: 5.45
Organ rechas.

MARKEY,

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 HC: 11

EACH, Collegium Regule (Howells). Note
mortem peccatoris (Moriey), To thee, O

Lord (Rachmaninofi). Canon R White: 3

E. Eefly in C., 1 walted for the Lord
(Mendelssohn). Rev N Woon.

Lord (Bachmaninoff). Canon R White 3
E. Relly in C. I waited for the Lord (Mendelssohn), Rev N Worn.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: Messes 7, 4, 9, 12, 5.30 & 7; 10.30 SM, Pisymsong Mass for a Mene Sheeberd), and the classifier of the Common Compast Hendrie; 10 MP; 2.30 return copies Hendrie; 2.30 return copi

Goode.
CRAPEL ROTAL, Hampton Count Palate: 8.30 HC; 11 M, Responser (Smith),
Naylor in G (Benedicite, Ireland in Cotubbians), 0 Lord in thy wrath (Gibbons); 3.30 R, Responses (Rose), Lord
remember not (Mexadetsonin), Arnold
in A, Teach the O Lord (Byrd). ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 1) S Euch, Rev I C Thurston, Euch, Rev I C Thurston,
All Santh's Margaret Street, WI: 8 &
5.15 LM: 11 RM, Missa Sanct dominic (Rubbris). Call to remembrance (Farrant, Rev N J Elder; 6 E & B, The Short Service (Caustun). Nolo moriem peccatoris (Morisy). Rev P McGenry. All SOUTA, Langham Place, WJ: 11 Rev J Cook: 8.50 Eev C Riobbs, CRELSEA OLD CHURCH, Cheyne Walls SW3: 8 HC. Rev J Smith: 10 Children's SW3: 8 HC. Rev J Smith: 10 Children's Service; 11 M; 6 E. Rev B Hughes, CHRIST CHURCH, CHELSEA, SW3: 8 HC: 11 S Euch, Rev S Aciand. GROSVENOR CHAPTI, South Andley Street 8.15 RC: 11 S Roch, Missa Asserms Christi Momera: (Palestrina). Piorans pioravit (Byrd), Rev A W Maries. HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road, SW7: 10.30 Family & HC, Mr F Kingston. 6.30 Informal Service, Mr F Kingston. HOLY TRINITY. Prince Consort Band HOLY TRINTY, Prince Consort Road, SW7: 8-30 & 12.05 HC; 11 MP, Rev Dr M Israel. HOLY TRINITY, Sloans Street, 5W1: 8.45 HC: 11 S Euch, Rey K Yares. Geskell: 5.30 LM.

ST BANTHOLOMEW THE GREAT,
Smithfield, ECI: 9 HC, 11 M. Lamentation (Balistow), A. in jepunio et flets
(Taills), The Rector; 6.30 E. Pialasong &
hun-bourdons (Bullo & Naning), A. O.
Lord, give thy Holy Spirit (Tailis), The
Rector.

Botto, give my how spars (rains), the Rector.

ST BERDES, Fleet Street, EC4: 11
Choral M & Ruch, Benedicite (Dyson in F), Communion (Grayston Ives), Vensa est in location (Lobo), Canon J Cetes; 6:30 Choral E, Responses (Tomkins), Evening Canticles (Dyson in S), West me throughly (Westey), Canon J Cates.

ST CUTHBERTS, Philibeach Gardent SWS: 10 HC; 11 S Euch, Missa brevis (Gibbs), Turn thy face from my sins (Arestod), Rev J Vine.

ST GEORGE'S, Eloomsbury, WC1: 10 Euch; 6:30 EP, Fr M Day.

ST GEORGE'S, Bloomsbury, W1: Euch: 6.30 EP. Fr M Day.

ST GEORGE'S, HEROVE' SQUARE. WI:
8.30 HC. 11 S Euch (Fallis Short
Service), A. Lord, I call upon Thee
(Batristow), The Rector.

ST GILES-IN-THE-WELDS, St Giles
High St. WCE: 8 A 12 HC, 11 MP, Rev G
C TRylor: 6.30 EP, Rev P Faunch.

ST LAMES'S, Muswell Hill, NIO: 8 HC,
10.30 Morning Worthly, Rev G Willlams; 6.30 EP, Rev D Saville.

ST LAMES'S, Microfilly, WI: 8.30 MC.

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O Lord. In thy wrath (Globons),
Mathew Lawson.
St Dorn's, Hyde Park Crescent, W2: 8
HC (gald); 10 Parish Communion, Rev
O Rost. 6.30 ES, Mrs Hill Camen.
St John The Baptist, Holland Rd,
W14: 10 Mass (Lathit): 11 Sh.6 S Stations
of the Cross & Benediction.
St John's Wood Churces, NW8: 8
HC, 9.30 Parish Communion: 11 S
Each, Ber A Walker, Out of the deep
(Moriey), Missa Secundi Tori (Di Lasso).
St Luke's, Cresses, SW2: 8 HC, 10.30
MP & HC, Ne timess Maria (Victoria),
Rev D Watson: 6.30 E. Wash me
throughly (Wesley), Ven T raphael.
St MARRYS, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8
HC, 10 Family C 11 S Each, Short
Service (Bairea), O was omness (Victoria),
Rev T Devenshire Jones.
ST MARGAREYS, Westminener, SW1:
11 Choral M., Responser (Byrd),
Lamentanions (Bairstow), Chrims sancti
m1 (Byrd), Rev R Hollower, 12.15 HC,
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11 Choral M., Responser, (Byrd),
Lamentanions (Bairstow), Chrims sancti
m1 (Byrd), Rev R Hollower, 12.45 Chinese
Service, Rev P Rost, 5 Choral E,
Responser (Sumsion), Magnificat/Nunc
Diminis (Wood in C minor), 10rd, let
me know mine and (Greene); 6.30 ES,
Sister Margaret Stepherd.

ST VEDAST, FOSTER LAIRE, EC2: 11 Sung Mass, Rev R Avent.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOT-LAND, FORK STREET, SWI: 11 REV SUZEARD DURINGRY; 6-30 Rev J H McLadde.

CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOT-LAND, COVERT GRICHM, WC2: 11.15 & 6-30 Rev H Stanley C HOOM.

THE ASSUMPTION, WARWICK STREET, WI: 11 Mass in B Ust (MODER), LOTA, ist me know mime and (Greetie).

CHURCH OF OUR LABY, Lissen Grove, St John's Wood: 10.45 Sung Lain Miss. Missa Cuttaviston! (Ordeshem), Domine Secundum (Byrd).

CHURCH OF OUR MOST HOLY RE-PREMER, Chapte Row, SW2: 10, 11, 12.15 & 6-30 Fr P Nolan.

FARM STREET, WI: 7-30, 8-30, 10, 12.15, 4-15, 6-15 Lbt; 11 HM, Missa brevs (Helller), Domine for meetin (Lasud), Ave verum corpus (Modern). Fr J McDade.

THE ORATORY, ROUMBER REAL SW7: 7, 4, 9, 10, 11 Mass, Missa quart in only (Victoria), In leitunio et flein (Tallis), 12-30, 4-30, 7; 3-30 V & R, Index vendiurlum (Ceballod).

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voices (Heredia), ave verum (Caristimi),
Bone Pastor (Tallis), 12.15, 6.30.
AMERICAN CHURCE IN LORNDON,
Tottenham Court Rd, W1: 9.45 Sunday
School: 11 Worship, Rev R Allison.
city Temple, Holbert, ECI: 10.30 Rev
Dr B Gordon.
CHELSEA METHODIST CHURCH, Dr B Gorden. CHELSEA METHODIST CHURCH. King's Road, SW3: 11 The President of Methodist Conference, Rev R Hoar: 6

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6.30 Power Evangelism, Gordon Balley; 9 Chub Night.

EXEMBINATION URC, Allen Street, WE: 11 Rev P Lovein.

REGENT SQUARE URC (Presbytanian-Congregational). Taylsuck, Place, WCI: 11 Env B Tenny; 5.30 Rev Dr R Scopes-Salvation Army (Regent Hall). Ozdard St WI: 11 It M Brummitt: 6.30 Major C Hunt.

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WESTHEINSTER CENTRAL MALL (Mechodist), SW1: 11 & 6.30 Rev DT R John
Tudor. Tudor.

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham.
GRIESWI: 11, 6:30 Rev Dr R T Kendall.
WESTMINSTER MERSING SOCIETY
OF FRIENDS QUARKED, 52 St. Manina
La WC2: 11, Meeting for worship.

Colonel Sir Greville Spratt, chairman, TAVRA Greater London, was the guest of honour at the 37th annual dinner of the Intelligence Corps Officers' Dinner Club held at Templer Barracks. Ashford, Kent, last night, General Sir Charles Guthrie, Colonel Commandiant, presided and other guests included Air Marshal Sir John Walker, the Right Rev David Smith, Brigadier D.J.M. Jenkins and Mr Carl Fisher. University of Wales Air Squadren

Sir Aubrey Trotman-Dickenson, Vice-Chancellor and Ptincipal of the University of Wales, Cardiff, and Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter Harding, Chief of the Air Staff. were the guests of honour at the annual dinner of the University of Wales Air Squadron, RAFVR, held last night at RAF St Athan. Squadron Leader Ron Powell, Commanding Officer, presided. Among others present were Air Vice-Marshal D. Cousins, AOC and Commandant RAF College Cranwell, and Air Commodore P.J. O'Reilly, Air Officer Wales.

> Weekend royal engagements TODAY: The Princess Royal, as

Patron of the Scottish Rugby Union, will attend the Wales versus Scotland International rueby match at Cardiff Arms Park at 2.00. TOMORROW: The Princess Royal, as President of The British Academy of Film and Television Arts, will attend the awards

Dinners

Lord Abinger Lord Abinger, Vice-President of the Byron Society, presided at a dinner held last night at the House of Lords. Lord Blake and Lord Byron also spoke.

British Federation of University

Miss Barbara Harris, Chairman of the Governors of Crosby Hall, was the principal guest at the annual dinner of the British Federation of University Women held last night at Crosby Hall. Miss Beryl M. Roper, president, was in the chair and Mrs May

Hynd also spoke. Incorporation of Weavers, Fullers and Shearmen Mr M.J. Commin, Master of the

Incorporation of Weavers, Fullers and Shearmen, presided at a dinner held last night at Tuckers' Hall, Exeter, in honour of Mr J.S.V. Davy, Master of the Vintners' Company. Mr B. Frowd, Chief Executive of Exeter City present.

Stowe School

Stowe School announce the following awards: sewe Scholarship Rumination 1992 Top Scholarship: Philip Fitzgeorge-Parker, Rorris Hill, Nowbuy. Scholarship: Richard Mari, Papplewick, Ascot: Lorien Filling, Candall Manor, York: Oliver Trethewey. Moulaford, Oxon. Oxon. Exhibition: Ruper; Connell (for Mathematics) Ludgrove, Wokingham;

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Latest wills

Sir Hugh Thomas Arnold Overton, of Hammersmith, London, Consul General at New York and Director General of the British Trade Development in the Arts, will attend the awards US, 1980-83, left estate valued at caremony at Grosvenor House at £411.436 net. He left £10.000 to

The power we have comes from God: It is he who has empowered us as ministers of a new covenant, not writ-

BIRTHS BAYNES - On March 19th, to

BOLTON - On March 11th, to Hazel and Robert, safe arrival of Phoebe Hannah Margarel, a sister to Richard. BYRNE - On March 19th, to Andrea Carina (née Riediker) and Rory Shaun, a sen, Christian Rory, a little brother for Jessica and Edward.

FEDRICK - On March 16th, to Penny (nee Cooke) and David, a daughter, Amelia, a

HAMMOND On March 17th. to Kate the Jenkins and Peter, a son. Edward Peter, Nedi. Grateful thanks to the staff at Hillingdon Hospital.

Fergus, a son. Robert Erk; Buchanan, a brother for

Mithiby - On February 27th 1992, to Diage and Bryan. Iwin sons. Myles Spencer Samuel and Nils Hamilton Samuel, twin brothers for Piers and Grant.

of Liverpool College, and Mr Ian Lightbody, president of the soci-The Commissioner of Police for the City of London and Mrs Kelly. Mr Alderman and Mrs Mchael Oliver. Mr Alderman ety, were among the guests.

Artnur Ayrwin.
SMITH - On March 20th. at
The Royal Berkshire Hospiial, to Tina inée Shelteyi and
Peter, a daughter, Heather
Marita, a staler for Imogen
and Matthew. GOLDEN

ANNIVERSARIES CURRY - 50 Colden Years. Congratulations to Syd and Chris Curry from Russell. Petra. Nicky and Flona. Sister for Lucy.

FERRAR - On March 13th, at University Hospital. Nottingham, to Karen (nee Brown) and Charles, a daughter, Clare Lesile.

Petra, Nicky and Frona.

STAMLEY:BALL - On March 21st 1942 at St Nottingham, to Karen (nee Brown) and Charles, a daughter, Clare Lesile.

(Poo) Ball. Now living in Shoreham, Kent. DEATHS Narr at Hillingdon Hospital.

HUDSON - On March 17th, to March and Genn. a daughter. Emma Louise. a sister for James.

LEWIS - On March 10th at the Royal Free Hospital. Hampstead, to proud parents Striot inde Lewis) and Richard. a

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son. Jamie Alexander, an
ally for Hannah.

MACCABE - On March 5th, to
Carol and Douglas. a son.
Thomas Andrew. a brother
for Duncan.

McCLURE - On March 19th.
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Io March 24th at 2 µm. No
Iestlers or flowers please.

BARMARD - On March 18th
I 1992. at Eshçol House
Nursing Home.

Dorothea Ross. aged 89
years, of St Gerrans.

Dearest aunt of Jenny, John
and family. Simon and
family. Firmeral Service at St
Gerrans Church Gerrans Church on Wednesday March 25th at Wednesday March 25th at 35m followed by interment in St Gerrans Churchyard. Family flowers only. Donations in iteu. If desired, to Cornwall First Air Ambulance Service Trust c/o The Post Office. Portscatho. Cornwall.

DEATHS

FLEMING - On March 17th, Ursula. Funeral at SI Dominic's Priory. Southampion Road. London NW6, at 11 am on March 28th. No flowers please. Donations to Leukaemia Research.

GOODING - On March 17th 1992, peacefully at home. Dr. Coleridge Carnel, former Chief Medicai Officer for Scotland, for the National Coalboard, in his 92nd year. Cremation private.

HARVEY - On March 16th, peacefully at St Catherine's Hospice. Crawley, Denis, aged 66, artist and writer of Studio 9. North Street, Dorking, Husband of Rita and father of Matthew and Daniel. Private cremation. Memorial Service at 2.50 pm on Monday March 23rd at Friends' Meeting House, Butter Hill, Dorking, Surrey

LINK - On March 19th. In Braumion. North Devon. Arthur Charles Gwyn. after a long illness. A beloved and fun lening dad of Judy and Andrew is now at peace. Funeral Service at the North Devon. Crematorium. Barnstapie. North Devon, on Thursday March 26th al 5.30 pm. Family and Irlonds will be welcome at Kittywell House. Croyde after the service. Flowers or donallons to Cancer Research c/o Carfee & Sons Funeral Ourectors. Braunion. North Devon. let: (0271) 813826.

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Rebecca Eitzabeth and a son.
Edward James.
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thee Cree), dearly loved wife
of John, mother of Timothy.
Jonathan, Thomas, Barney.
Benjamin and Mark, and
grandmother of many
devoted grandchildren. A
funeral service will be held at
the West. Chapet at Colders
Green Crematorium at 11am
on Wednesday March 25th.
A memoral exhibition of her
paintings will be held at a
later date.

ROGERS - On Wednesday March 18th, peacefully, Ll. Col. (Rid) Frederick Lewis, aged 81. Dearly loved husband of the late Frances

ROMBERG - On March 17th, beacefully at his home in Bath, in his 80th year, Dr. Harold Romberg OBE, dearly loved husband of Hildegard, father of Christopher and Michael, grandfather of Senjamin and Daniel. Pumeral ceremony for immediate family only.

SCANLON - On March 19th 1992, peacefully in hospital following a stroke. Norsh Ethel. aged 84 years beloved wife of the late Redvers William Scanlon. loving mother of Jill Briggs, mother-in-law of Michael and granny to Duncan. Domitaic. Gregory. Hillary and Rory. The Funeral Service will lake place at St Leonard's Church. Eynsham. on take place at St Leonard's Church. Eynsham. of Tuesday March 24th at 2pm Family flowers only please but donations, if degreed, for Helen House Hospice or Friends of St Leonard's Eynsham (O Green & Co. 21 High Street, Eynsham Witney, Oxon CXS IMA.

aged 81. Dearly loved husband of the late Frances and much loved father of David. grandfather. Funeral Service at Hoty Trinity. Cuckfield. on Thursday March 26th at 2.50 pm. Family flowers only but donations much appreciated to Marie Curie Cancer Hossice (70 J & R Matthews. 1 Old Talbot House, High Street, Cuckfield. West Sussex RH17 6JX.

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ST MAKY'S, Bourne Street, 5W1: 9, 94.5, 7 JM: 11 FM, Mass for furee voices (ByrQ, Fr M Shier, 5.30 E (said), 6 Stations of the Cross & Solemn. Benediction.

ST MARY'S, Primroise Hill, NW3: 8 HC; 10.30 Parish Each, Setting (Plainsong), Rev Saily Webster; 6 Benediction ST MARYLEBQNE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8 HC; 11 Choral Each, Mass for four voices (ByrQ, Noilo mornen percannis (Motley), Bishop of Fulham; 6.30 EP.

ST MARYLEBGNEAD (WENS Church), Strand WC2: 11 Sang Communion, Rus E Thompson.

ST MARTHEW'S, Great Peter St, SW1: 8

STRING WC2: 11 Sung Communion, New E Thompson.

ST MATHEW'S, Great Peter St, SW1: 8

LM: 10 SM, Music (Murray), Rev R Crawford: 6:30 LM.

ST MICHAELTS, Chester Square, SW1: 8.15 & 11 HC; 7 Informal ES at Grey Coat Hospital Lower School, Graham Terrace and Informal ES a HC at St James the Less, Vanchall Bridge Road, ST MECHAELTS. Combill. ECs. 21 Choral M. Responses (Ayleward), Lamentagons (Balistow), Benedicons (Sminer in E 18st, Remember now thy creator (Steppall), Rev David Burton Evans: 12 HC.

ST PAIL'S, Onslow Square, SW7: 10:30 Family HC: 6:30 Informal Service.

ST PAIL'S, Wilson Flace, SW1: 8 & 9

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SW2: 8 HC, 11 MP, Benedicite (Dyson),
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James, 6.30 E, Rev G James,

WHITTLE - On March 15th 1992, at Dumfries Infirmary, Gordon Whitlle, of Castlebraes, Glencapie Road, Dumfries, dearly beloved husband of Monka Townsend, Cremated at Carikle Crematorium on Friday March 20th 1992. MEMORIAL SERVICES

HOPPER - Capialo Humfrey. D.S.O. Royal Navy, Tuesday 24th March, 11 am at Little Rissington. April 1st 230 pm St Michael's, Chester Square.

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STEWART-PATTERSON - A Thanksgiving Service for the life of the Reverent Lady Alison Stewart-Patterson will be hold on Monday April 13th at 2.30 pm in Cultross Abbey Church, Fife.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

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FOGGO Harold, remembered with love on his birthday, Born 1913; died February 16th 1992, Southport, siter a full and happy life. A true synthesis with the service of the St. Ave singue vale.

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Through caverns measureless to man/ Down to a

PALLIARDS (b) Professional beggars or vagabonds, so called because they tend to sleep on the straw in barns and other steading buildings, from the French paille straw: "The male part of this upper class are a parcel of poor, shaking, nervous palllards."

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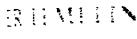
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OBITUARIES

RUPERT **SHEPHARD**

Rupert Shephard, painter and teacher, died in London on March 16 aged 83. He was born in the city on February 12 1909.

RUPERT Shephard was one of a generation of distinguished artist-teachers, among whom were William Coldstream, Victor Pasmore. Rodrigo Moynihan, Peter Greenham, Rupert Medley, Ruskin Spear and Carel Weight. Some of their pupils achieved a far greater measure of celebrity than they did, but few approached the all-round competence of their masters.

Rupert Shephard-was educated at Repton and the Slade School, under Henry Tonks The meticulous draughtsmanship insisted on by Tonks. stood his pupils in good stead, and two of Shephard's contemporaries at the Slade with whom he shared a group show in 1937, Coldstream and Rogers, founded the Euston Road School in the same year. In 1939, the abiliy of such artists to turn their hand to anything required found an unprecedented demand for their talent in the ar Artists scheme. The Imperial War Museum owns 16 of Shephard's works, including such demanding compositions as interior views of factories for air com-



Self-portrait detail

ponents and penicillin, landing craft on the way to their port of departure, motor traffic coping with the Blitz. And — a revealing side-light on war work — Filming a Prac-tice Launching of A Rubber

Dinghy in a Training Pond. During the war Shephard also taught at St Martin's and Central School of Art. In 1948 he went out to Cape Town, with his South African wife, to be director of the Michaelis Art School at the University of Cape Town and there he stayed until 1963. He had ten exhibitions in South Africa — generally of native subjects, in vigorous colour and composition and participated in the Venice Biennale of 1958,

Returning to England after the death of his wife. Shephard was able to paint full-time - often landscapes in France - and take on portraits. The National Portrait Gallery owns his most famous portrait, of Dylan Thomas, painted thiring the war, as well as that of Julian Huxley. His portrait of V. S. Pritchett is in the Gallery's Contemporary Portrait Collection. Regular recent shows of the full range of his paint-ing at the Sally Hunter Gallery won Shephard a devoted following amongst picture

Sixty years of continuous painting were only halted in 1990 when his eyes failed. Shephard was an outstanding exponent of that English school of painting — sharply but warmly observed, scrupulously faithful to visual truth, understated but intimate which was disregarded for so long but which is again winning respect as a truly national movement. It still underpins the art schools with its devotion to truth in

Rupert Shephard married Lorna Wilmott (died 1963; one son, two daughters); and, in 1965, Nicolette Devas (died 1987).

MICHAEL SKINNER

Major General Michael Timothy Skinner CB, comptroller of Rochester Cathedral and formerly director-general weapons (army) at the Ministry of Defence, died on March 16 aged 60: He was born of August 5, 1931.

MICHAEL Skinner, better known as Tum throughout the army, left his mark on a generation of new weapons. Many of the systems, which make senior officers feel better equipped than at any time for 30 years, reflect his refusal to compromise on standards. Yet few of those who knew him in his early years would have guessed at the future direction of his career. Those arms which he helped to procure-like the SA-80 rifle and the ferthcoming AS-90 selfpropelled gun, testify to the time he spent in the front line as much as to his staff training and Whitehall

experience. Born in Lee, south east London, and educated at Merchant Taylors' and Sand-hurst, he belonged to that generation of young officers who discovered a taste for the army during national service and stayed on for a full-time military career. Few, however, showed as great an appetite for action.

He was mentioned in dispatches on his first operational posting in the mid-1950s when, as an enthusiastic subaltern with the 1st Singapore Regiment Royal Artillery, he led a section of 3.7-inch guns in the fight against communist insurgents in Malaya. An eager. rugby-playing extro-vert, he then joined the 33rd Parachute Field Regiment, based in Aldershot, and immediately afterwards the 95th Amphibious Regiment, serving with the commandos in this country and Malta.

He had three arduous tours in Northern Ireland, the first during the mayhem which prevailed in 1969-70, when he led a battery from 47 Field

aged 83. He was born in Bourne-

called. Its techniques - and its central

characters - owed little or nothing to

existing theatrical or literary conventions. The jokes, relying heavily on word

play and nonsensical notions, came fast

and furious. And with an audience of 16

million each week it spread catch-

the land in the classroom, in the canteen

and even among what was left of the

smart set. With its surreal style, it estab-

lished the berichmark for programmes

such as The Goon Show a decade later.

ITMA's cast included Jack Train as

Colonel Chinstrap ("I don't mind if I

do"), Dorothy Summers as Mrs Mopp

("Can I do you now Sir"), Dino Galvani

as Signor So-So ("Oh Mr. Handlebar, to.

meet you I am diluted"), Horace Percival ("Don't forget the diver" and "I go, I coom back"); and Clarence Wright.

At the centre of each show was Tommy

Handley, being interrupted by a con-

stant stream of zany people hammering on the door of his Office of Twerps at the

Ministry of Aggravation and Mysteries.

Each had his or her spot, bursting in on

Handley to utter hilarious inanities in

short sharp exchanges. It was almost

possible to hear Handley wiping the

phrases almost instantaneously across

mouth in 1908.

tide It's That Man Again.



Regiment in Plymouth on detachment with the 1st Regiment Royal Horse Artillery in Belfast. He was back in July 1972, at the time of Operation Motorman (when the security forces entered the IRA's "no go" areas) after taking command of 4th Field Regiment at Long Kesh. Two years later he was mentioned in dispatches for the second time when he led his regiment on a tour in North Belfast. The Irish problem continued to haunt him on his return. Soon after 4th Field had moved from its BAOR garrison to Catterick, a number of its soldiers, returning from leave with their families in Manchester, were caught by the IRA bomb which ripped open their

coach on the M62.

A happier memory for Skinner, however, was that of the regiment being granted the freedom of Sunderland, one of his regiment's main recruiting areas. The honour was Skinner's reward for assiduously cultivating a close rapport with the people of Wearside.

The second phase of his career can be traced back to the middle 1960s when he won a place at the Royal Military College of Science (RMCS) Shrivenham. In those days the army's highfliers were sent either to the main staff college at Camberley or, if they showed any scientific gifts, on the technical staff course at the RMCS. Skinner was among those bright enough to do both, thus winning what was

popularly called his "double blue." As a result his future promotion was precisionguided. His first technical staff posting was to the Min-istry of Defence's Royal Radar Establishment, Malvern, in the late 1960s, which was followed by a year planning future equipment at the Royal Artillery headquarters in Woolwich.

After leaving 4th Field in 1975, he spent his military career in Whitehall. He served on the secretariat of the master-general of the ordnance (mgo) then moved to the operational requirements staff, looking after heavy weapon projects, 1978-84. He was vice mgo, 1984-86 (for most of the time under General Sir Richard Vincent. now chief of the defence staff) and finally director-general weapons (army) until his re-

tirement in 1988. His career path then took a further unexpected twist. In May that year he accepted the twin posts of comptroller and chapter clerk of Rochester Cathedral. Skinner plunged into his new life with the same zeal he had displayed on entering the Malayan jungle three decades earlier, applying to the administration of the cathedral all the thoroughness and discipline of staff training. One of his achievments was to negotiate a grant from English Heritage, which enabled completion of restoration work. As a lay canon, he also became a devout churchman, punctiliously attending matins every

His outside interests included, chairing the Kent branch of the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association (SSAFA), opera and his collection of ninteenth century campaign medals. But perhaps he derived most pride from taking his MA degree at Kent univ ersity last year.

Michael Skinner is survived by his wife Anne and their three sons.

JAMES BYAM SHAW

James Byam Shaw, CBE, art historian, died on March 18 aged 89. He was born in London on January 12, 1903.

JAMES Byam Shaw grew up in a family steeped in the arts. He was the son of the Pre-Raphaelite-influenced painter J. Liston Byam Shaw. His brother, Glen Byam Shaw, spent his life in the theatre and opera house. After Westminster and Christ Church. James Byam Shaw spent time studying in the British Museum Printroom and in the principal Continental collections. In 1933 he joined the staff of the newly-founded Courtauld Institute, but resigned swiftly to join the dealers in fine art, P. & D. Colnaghi.

The move was made in accordance with a compact. contracted soon after Byam Shaw came down from Oxford, with Gustavus Mayer, one of the directors of Colnaghi. Mayer had shrewdly foreseen the need to recruit younger men with spe-cialized academic knowledge and had offered to subsidise Byam Shaw's studies on the understanding that his services would be available when needed. Apart from the war years, when he served with distinction in India and Burma. Byam Shaw remained with Colnaghi's until he retired in 1968.

Byam Shaw was a shrewd businessman, and contributed substantially to the great reputation that his firm enjoyed, but art-dealing for him was an avocation. His true instincts led him towards scholarship: by temperament and training he was a museum man. His tranquil, booklined, tobacco-scented sanctum on the second floor of 14, Old Bond Street could have been the office of any great printroom director.

With his first marriage he acquired as an uncle-in-law Campbell Dodgson, then Keeper of Prints and Drawings at the British Museum, and among his intimate friends were two of Dodgson's colleagues, A. E. Popham, himself also Keeper, and K. T. Parker, who in 1934 succeeded Kenneth Clark at the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford. Both institutions, and perhaps especially the Ashmolean, were to benefit greatly from Byam Shaw's position at the centre of the art world. He was skilled in pushing a work of art unobtrusively in the right direction and his scholarly awareness often recognised that a work of only trifling monetary value could be of significant

historical importance. Between 1927 and 1939 he published numerous short notes dealing with individual drawings, as often Dutch or German as Italian. After the war he concentrated on what was by then his chosen field of specialisation, the Venetian art of the eighteenth century. His books on the drawings of Francesco Guardí (1951) and

of Domenico Tiepolo (1962) are classic essays in the exposition of the technique of connoisseurship.

Byam Shaw's later years were devoted to the compilation of catalogues, a task for which he was particularly well suited by his long experience as a "practical connoisseur" (his own term). accustomed to dealing with works of all periods.

His old college, Christ Church, found itself in the 1960s able to build a gallery to house the important collection of about 250 paintings and 1.900 drawings, chiefly Italian, bequeathed by an eighteenth-century benefactor. Byam Shaw accepted the invitation to undertake a fullscale catalogue, and in 1967 produced the first volume, on the paintings; the second, on the drawings, appeared in 1976. A lectureship was created for him and he was given rooms in college and made a member of the senior common room. This experience of academic life at its most dig-



nified and spacious was for him a source of great pleasure; that the pleasure was mutual was shown by his election in 1976 to the rare distinction of an honorary Studentship of Christ Church and by the university's bestowal in the following year of the degree of Litt.D. honoris causa. No sooner was the Christ Church catalogue out of the way than he began work on the 450 Italian drawings in the Lugt Collec-tion (Fondation Custodia) in Paris. This catalogue, a work of no less detailed and exemplary scholarship, was published to coincide with his 80th birthday. In 1972 he

was appointed CBE. To the last he retained the rosy complexion, spare figure and upright carriage of a much younger man. His dress was remarkable for its versally respected and widely beloved personality in the art world, his gentle voice and exquisite manners did not always demand total adherence to old-fashioned lovalties and courtesy. His disapproval, when he did voice it, was all

the more devastating. He was three times married, his third wife being Christina Ogilvy, widow of his lifelong friend William

ROGER LEMELIN

Roger Lemelin, French Cation appeared under the title nadian popular creative The Town Below. nadian popular creative writer, died in Quebec City hospital on March 16 aged 72. He was born April 7, 1919.

ROGER Lemelin is best nown for Les Plouffe, a novel about family life in Ouebec City's working-class Lower Town district, published in 1948. Beloved as a portraitin-print of a family and a people, it achieved even greater fame after being adapted for radio and television. As a television serial drama it ran on the CBC French-language network in Quebec through most of the 1950s. It was regularly viewed by an audience of millions each week.

The novel also became popular in English Canada. where it was published under the title The Plouffe Family.

Roger Lemelin, the oldest in a family of ten boys, grew up in the same Lower Town neighbourhood where most of his creative writings were

A Grade 8 drop out, he had mbitions to become a professional athlete but a severe ankle injury caused a change of plans. Forced to use a wheelchair for several years, he turned his hand to writing. His first novel, Au Pied de la pente douce, an autobiographical work about the frustrations of youth, was published in 1944. Subsequently an English transla-

Two more povels followed in later years: Pierre le magnifique in 1952 (translated into English as In Quest of Splendour); and Le Crime d'Ovide Plouffe, a sequel to Les Plouffe, many years afterward in 1982. A film version of Les Plouffe came out in 1980 and a highly successful film and television version of Le Crime d'Ovide Plouffe in

1984. Aside from writing novels, Lemelin was at various times an essayist, a television script writer, an advertising executive and a journalist. From 1972 to 1981 he lived in Montreal as publisher of La Presse. French-Canada's largest daily newspaper.

Unlike many Quebec writers and intellectuals, who have embraced the cause of Quebec separatism, Lemelin remained a staunch Canadian federalist. On the eve of the 1980 Quebec referendum on sovereignty for the province, he wrote a manifesto in La Presse in defence of Canada. The referendum was won

by the federalist side. In 1990 Lemelin was made a Chevalier of France's Legion d'Honneur in recognition of his contribution to French culture. He was a member of France's Academie Goncourt and a companion of the Order of Canada. His wife and five children survive him.



As well as acting as a wartime morale booster, ITMA effectively satirised the stranglehold that red tape had on bureaucracy in wartime and postwar Britain. Wright was the voice of Inspector Squirt, the man from the ministry who repeated everything twice.

Wright as Squirt: "Now look here, Handley - I said Handley." Handley: "Tomtitma to you Mr Squirt

- I said ITMA." Austerity Britain, where everything was in short supply, was well to the fore in Ted Kavanagh's scripts: Wright's Commercial Traveller: "Any helicopters, motorcars or washing

Handley eagerly: "Yes please." Commercial Traveller: "You can't have

machines?"

them they're only for export." Clarence Wright was a member of the cast when ITMA was invited by King George VI to give a special performance at Windsor to mark the present Queen's 16th birthday. It was often said that if the war had ended between 8.30 and 9pm on a Thursday night, no one would have of dared tell the King until the show was over he would not have wished to wait for the repeat.

Wright's comedy timing matched that of Handley himself and they had worked together in music hall before ITMA was invented. His talents were wide. He grew up as a choir boy in his native Bournemouth and became an accomplished professional musician, playing the violin for the Bournemouth Municipal Orches-tra and later the Savoy Orpheans. His broadcasting career began in the Thirties with Radio Normandy and he also turned to acting, appearing in musical comedy on stage and playing the occasional film role. One such was in A Place of My Own (1944) an agreeable ghost story, based on a novel by Osbert Sitwell. filmed by Gainsborough with Margaret Lockwood, James Mason and Dennis Price in the leads.

Clarence Wright considerd his years with Tommy Handley to be his most successful and the two men became close friends. In addition to ITMA he joined Handley in a special wartime radio programme, Handley's Half-Hour, broadcasted worldwide, its broader humour intended for the armed forces.

in a book about ITMA Wright recalled an example of Handley's quick-witted adlibbing that avoided an awkward moment in the show. The effects man had forgotten the knock on the door for Wright's entrance and Handley interrupted with the line: "Wait a minute, how did you get in here? You must have slipped under the door."

Tommy Handley's sudden death in January 1949 caused ITMA's demise and national mourning. Clarence Wright organised the memorial service for him at St Paul's Cathedral. He also campaigned for 25 years for a blue memorial plaque to be displayed at Handley's Paddington home.

In the 1950s Wright continued with his career broadcasting occasionally and appearing in Palace of Varieties. He finally retired to live in Alderney to cultivate his garden.

Memorial services

Dr Angus Macintyre, senior fellow, read the first lesson and

the Rev Tom Ekin read the Elizabeth Craven Prayer. Sir Ashley Ponsonby, Lord Lieuten-ant of Oxfordshire, gave an ad-The Lord Lieutenant of

present were:

Fanthawe and Capulm and Mrs B E Fanthawe istepsons and stepdaughtersin-item, Mr and Mrs John Trailoch, Mr Christopher and Lady Katherine Wills, Mr and Mrs James Fanthawe, Sir David and Lady Wills. Sir John and the Hon Lady Chichester, Captain and Mr F H P H Wills. Sir John Wills Lord Lieuzenam of Avon. Major and the Hon Mrs John Wills. Mr and Mrs M T N H Wills. Captain and the Hon Mrs Andrew Wills. Lady Eliza Leslie Mejville, Miss Pamela Leslie Meiville, Colonel and Mrs S J Watson.

iscretary), and Dr A N Lockhart (development director), Mrs Joan Sarage (Burkingham University), Brigadler S E M Goodali (Gloucementier Trust for Nature Conservation), Listitemanicolonel Colin watches (World Conservation Monitoring Unit), Mr George Medley and Miss Etaine Dodds (World Wide Fund for Nature), Mr Charles M Erskine (Rayal Botanic Gardens, Kew), Mr Roper Wheater (Royal Zoological Society of Scotland).

sweat from his brow.

Colonel R J A Homby (Farmington Trust), Mr Brian N Howell (Forestry Trust), Mr G D Rates and Mr J D Hambro (International Students House), Mr D W N Landale (Duchy of Cornwall) and Mrs Landale, Mr John Makepeace (Parlam Trust and School for Craissmen in Wood) and Mrs Makepeace, Mr W M Makins (Pendember Witterlow) Trists, Mrs Allson Moore-Gryn and Mr Don Earley (Rational Flaying Fleids Association), the Headmaster of Rendomb College, Gloucester, and Mrs Tolpur with Commander Edward Thring (Duckan) and the Rev Peter Sudbury (Chaplain); Brigadier S P Robertson (Project Trust, RNL).

Mr A W M Christie-Miller (chairman, Traber Growers UK) with Mr H C Ferhermonhaugh, Mr J S: A Warde and Dr J S Macdonald (deputy chairmen), Mr A J Murray (chief executive) and Mr P H Wilson (technical director); Mr Keith Dester and Mr Bob Newman (Irident Trust, Mr H H Tucker (Roberts Centre), Mrs Elizabeth Young (african Medical and Restarch Foundation), Mrs Jennifer Britiston (Church Army), Miss Emma Robenshaw (Evening Standard, Mr Stephen Wright and Mr Stephen Owen (Gloucestershire Rural Community Council), Mr Mr Rarris (Oxfam).

Major E C Asinon, Mr and Mrs Mark Baker, Rear-Admiral and Mrs Josef Farnosik, Mr and Mrs Peregrine Settle. Mr W. Birch-Reynardson. Mrs M. L. Bourdillon, Mr and Mrs Angus Campbell. Mr Giles Chichester. Major and Mrs Derek Cooper. Mr John Constantine, Mr and Mrs R V Crail-White. Miss Lorna Davies, Mrs Mary Eastwood, Mr A M Farrer, Mr W O Farter. Mrs Jane Fleming, Mr and Mrs Robin Fleming. Mr shot Harries, Mrs Digby Hamilton; Captain and Mrs Peter Cibbs. Mr and Mrs John Graen, Mr Dulf Hant-Davies. Mr R A Henderson. Mr and Mrs M W N Hughes-Haller. Brigadler Trefor Jones. Mr and Mrs John Kemp-Weich, Mr George Liftingston, Mr and Mrs Roger Longring, Major J I. Macdonald, Major-General and Mrs John Mrs Humphrey Swire, Najor-General and Mrs D J Tabor snd Mr and Mrs D J Tabor snd Mr and Mrs D J Tabor snd Mr and Mrs C T R Wingfield.

Mumford gave an address at a service of thanksgiving for the life of the

The Dean of Truro officiated, Mr Jeremy Mumford, son, read the lesson and Mr Christopher Mumford, son, read from the works of Canon Henry Scott Holland. The Bishop of Truro pronounced the blessing.

The Bishop of Exeter, the Bishop of Bristol, the Bishop of Sherborne, the Bishop of Bath and Wells, the Bishop of Tewkesbury, the Bishop of Crediton, the Bishop of St Germans and the Bishop of Malmesbury were robed and in the Sanctuary.

The Lord Lieutenant of Comwall, the Rev Ian Haile, Chairman of the Comwall Methodist District, Canon Bede Davis. representing the Roman Catholic Bishop of Plymouth, Mr Michael Galsworthy, representing the Duchy of Cornwall, and Canon Philip Maddock were among those present.

Major-General Sir Leslie Tyler

Right Rev Peter. Mumford held the Abbot of Worth. yesterday in Truro Cathedral.

ler. son, Mrs David Ashley, stepdaughter, and Miss Sophie Tyler, granddaughter, read the lessons. Brigadier Joe Dobie gave an address. Among others present WETE

Lady Tyler (widow), Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs T N Tyler (son and daughten-br-law), Mr A N Tyler (son), Colonel and Mrs R A Campbell (son-in-law and daughter), Mrs C Tyler (daughter-in-law), Mrs D Athley (stepson-in-law), Mrs A Strickland (stepdaughter).

Morag Lady Stafford, Str Brian and Lady Neill, Str David and Lady Pryke, Fleid Marshal Str Richard and Lady Vincent, General Str Hugh Beach, Lady (Leonard) Addinson, Lady (Charles) Norton, Mr Michael Simmonds (master, Turners' Company) and leve Simmonds Norton, Mr Michael Simmonds imaster, Turners' Companyi and Mrs Simmonds with Mr Edward W Sawney Jupper warderi), Mr R G Woodwark (cleri), the Rev Alan G Fagg and Mr P F Worldige Colonel Iahn A Ferguson Mice-chair-man, Royal Tournament), Mr A K S Franks (chairman, Royal Hospital and Home, Pumeyi with Mrs Shritey Palmer Vice-chairman), Colonel B E Bitmit ichiel executivei, Mr A T Reed and Mr J P R Mailpas: Colonel M B Mummately (United Services Catholic Association).

Rear-Admiral D A Williams, Major-General and Mrs D B Wood, Major-General and Mrs G V Hayward, Major-General and Mrs J V Homan, Major-General G M Muchinson, Major-General G M Mrs G V Hayward, Major-General and Mrs J v Homan, Major-General and Mrs J v Homan, Major-General and Mrs S K Lecky, Major-General and Mrs S K Lecky, Major-General and Mrs S K Lecky, Major-General and Mrs A M Nockay, Major-General and Mrs A M Nockay, Major-General and Mrs D K Redman, Major-General and Mrs M F Scott, Redman, Major-General and Mrs M F Scott, Edgader M W Clark, Commander J Burrage, Air Commonder Philippa Marthall, Captin P I Hopson, Mrs J L Dobie, Professor and Mrs A R Mellows, Mr J E Borrer, Mr Brian W Burnett.

March 21 ON THIS DAY 1966

George Brown, later Lord George-Brown, (1914-1985), sometime foreign secretary, was one of the most

charismatic of the Labour leaders of his generation. Ever volatile, rudeness would be followed by smiles, he was always likely to find himself in situations such as the one

described below. MR BROWN IN ROW OVER TV UNIT

The B.B.C. said yesterday that there were no rules for their television cameramen at election meetings, but there was an unwritten code of behaviour. Mr Brown had complained that a B.B.C. team broke "the burgh meetings on Saturday night. Last night television filming facilities were with-drawn for Mr. Brown's Glasgow meetings.
The B.B.C. would not say last

night whether there had been a breach of the code till they had seen Mr. Joseph Strick, direc-tor of the unit, filming an election documentary, who was on his way to London. Mr. Strick is an American

and the film will be shown both here and in the United States after the election. During his meeting at the

Assembly Hall. Edinburgh, Mr. Brown blamed the B.B.C. unit for encouraging hecklers. He also seemed to be uncomfortable under the glare of the television lamps.

The hecklers were in groups on three sides of the dais from which Mr. Brown was speaking, and a cameraman was moving around the hall filming them as they made their protests. Mr. Brown called for him to stop. The carneramen are here as our guests and they should act as such."

A press officer with Mr. Brown, explaining the Edin-burgh incidents, said: "There were three cameramen and

three sound recordists. They moved around among the audience. When anybody spoke up, they turned a camera and microphone on them. People who had come to listen to Mr. Brown were being disturbed in a most serious

"There was a great battery of floodlights dotted around the hall, and there were 2 stationary microphone and a boom microphon...

The cameraman returned to

the gallery behind Mr. Brown at a signal from Mr. Strick and continued filming from there. Later several of the hecklers walked from the hall, crossing in front of Mr. Brown. When another group began to argue with stewards who were trying to eject them. Mr. Brown said:
"If we did not have a television camera behind us they would not be playing the fool." Mop-ping his brow, he said: "May I tell the television people that because of their antics here tonight they will have to come and speak to us most seriously before we can give them the same facilities that we have sonight." There would have to be some talks with Sir Hugh

The crowd then began shouting for and against Mr. Brown, and amid cries of "censorship" he could be heard protesting that there had been "a breach of good manners" and

Greene, director-general of the

"extraordinary behaviour" Mr. Strick then ordered his men to stop filming, and the television lights went out, leaving the hall in semi-darkness. Mr. Strick, after meeting the Minister later, said: "He is perfectly entitled to behave as

he did* Asked if he had apologized to Mr. Brown Mr. Strick replied: "He did not ask for one." He explained that the large number of lights had been used because of the poor lighting in the hall

Facilities for filming in Port Glasgow town hall and Pollokshaws burgh hall, Glasgow. last night were withdrawn yesterday.

Lord Dulverton

A memorial service for Lord Dulverton was held yesterday in the Chapel of Magdalen College,
Oxford. The Rev J.M.W.
Sedgwick, Dean of Divinity.
officiated and read the second

Gloucestershire, the Lord Lieutenant of Berkshire and Mrs Henderson, the Lord Mayor of WER AS THE STATE OF THE STATE O Portsmouth and Mr Anthony Smith, President of Magdalen College, attended. Among others

present were:

Ruth Lady Duiverson (widow), Lord and
Lady Duiverson and the Hon lan and
Mrs Wills Bons and daughters-in-law,
the Hon Sarah Wills (Baughter), the
Hon Robert Wills and the Hon Partick
Wills (brothers), Colonel and Mrs B E
Farshawe and Capain and Mrs B E
Farshawe tempons and stepdaubiers-

The Duke of Norfolk, the Duke and Duchess of Leinster, the Earl of Gowrie, Lady Mark Fitzalan Howard Ithdraun, Overford Emboudery Trust, Lord Ashton of Hyde, Marjoric Lady Ashton of Hyde, Lord Bellew, Lord Ashton of Hyde, Lord Bellew, Lord Ramery (president, British Deer Society) with Mr H E Oliver-Beillasis, Mr and Mrs Richard Prior and Major the Hon Feter Baillie with the Hon Mrs Baillie Jaiso representing Formac Centre of Ricing Therapy; Lord Cardington, Ch. Lord Willoughby de Broke (Countyweek, Lord and Lady Rilmaine, Lord Plumb, Mark, and Lady Rilmaine, Lord Plumb, Mark, and Lady Flumb, Patricia Lady Sinciair of Cleeve, Lord and Lady Vestey, Lord Wilgram.

The Hon Nicholas and Mrs Richey.

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James Bruce, the Hon James and Mrs
Galbraith, the Hon Christopher Lennox-Boyd, the Hon Mrs Christopher
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Hon Mrs Maler, Lady Ponsonby, Sir
Michael Farguhar, Sir Dudley Forwood,
Sir John Graham (Ditchiey Foundadon), Sir Christopher Lever, Sir Robert
and Lady Ricketts, Sir Ralph Verney,

sir Philip and Lady Adams, Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel. Sir Seymous Egerton, Sir Manhew Farner, Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel. Sir Seymous Egerton, Sir Manhew Farner, Sir Edward Ford, Admiral Sir Peter and Lady Holland-Martin. Vice-Admiral Sir Hugh and Lady Mackendel. Lady (John) MacLood, Sir Carol Mather, Sir Peter Miles, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Miles, General Sir John and Lady Moza. Sir Arthur Norman, Sir Edward Fext (Research Institute for the Sindy of Conflict and Terrorism), Sir John and Lady Thodason. Sir Barry Cross and Mr Peter Demon (Zoological Society of London), Major David and Lady Anne Rasch, Lieutenant-Colonel and the Hon Mrs M Haywood-Lonsdale. Mr and the Hon Mrs M Haywood-Lonsdale. Mr and the Hon Mrs M Ha Fraser.

Major-General M J Tomilinson Channon and Miss Vanessa Jones; Missian Ross (Dulverton and District Civic

Society). Lieutenant-Commander C G Weboarn (HMS Dulwerton), Professor R N Dinos (Sentor pro-fice-chancellor, Strinol University) with Mr J K M Parry jectrosty), and Dr A N Lockhan. [development director), Mrs Joan Sav-

Mr C D O Jenkins and Mr Maurica Webb (United World College of the Arisanic), Miss Belinda Alian (Refuges Studies Trogramme), Airs Carlisa Bal-dwin (National Canine Defence dwin (National Canine Defence League, Mr Ian Stanton (Tree Council), Mr Richard Van Oss (Game Conservancy), Major-General C. J. Fopkam (Sritish Atlantic Committee) and Mrs Fopkam. Mr Stephen Brooks (D. Day Museum, Portsmouth), Mr Dayid Clark (Adlandic Salmon Trust), Mr J. E. Fletcher (Institute of Chartered Foresters and Tree Aid) and Mrs Fletcher, Mr O. A. Guggenheim (Duwant Bound Trust). Miss Shella, Harden (David Davies Memorial Institute of International Studies).

Major E C Asimon, Mr and Mrs Mark

The Right Rev Peter The Archbishop of Canterbury

A memorial service for Major-General Sir Leslie Tyler was held yesterday in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks. The Rev John Barrie officiated, assisted by Major-General Christopher Ty-

Kiev summit agrees on Karabakh peace force

FROM ROBERT SEELY IN KIEV AND MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

THE Commonwealth of Independent States reached tentative agreement last night on a peacekeeping force to separate the warring fac-tions in Nagorno-Karabakh. but ended their second summit in Kiev without concrete accord on any of the key

one of the most sensitive issues - the division of military property of the former Soviet Union — was removed from the agenda early on, at the insistence of Russia. It will be referred to a joint

Those military agreements that were concluded bore the signatures of only seven republics, which have agreed to form a joint military com-mand. Ukraine, Moldavia, Azerbaijan and Uzbekistan did not sign.

There was no agreement either on a definition of strategic forces, that would have determined which parts of the former Soviet armed forces are to be divided and



which retained under centralised command. The definition of strategic forces is at the heart of the dispute between Russia and Ukraine over the Black Sea Fleet. Yesterday the Belorussian and Kazakh delegations joined Ukraine in calling for the item to be removed from the agenda, saying that they had not agreed the document in

In Kishinev, President Snegur of Moldovia ordered

the takeover of former Soviet military units and equipment in his country in a move to create a Moldovian army, the Tass news agency reported. His decree turns over all equipment, arms, buildings and other property of the former Soviet army that was under control of the Commonwealth to Moldovia, the

agency said.

Ukraine's compromise proposal that would have allowed it to resume the transfer of hundreds of tactical nuclear weapons to Russia for dismantling was another casualty. The previous day, President Yeltsin appeared to have accepted that Ukrainian observers should monitor the conditions in which the weapons were dismantled and destroyed in Russia.

Konstantin Morozov, the Ukrainian defence minister, said on television that Ukraine would not transfer the tactical nuclear weapons remaining on its territory to Russia, but would dismantle them in Ukraine. The opera-tion would be completed, he promised, by the July I deadline.

Outside the building where the summit was held, Ukrainian protesters demanded that Ukraine withdraw from the Commonwealth. At times this prospect seemed not far off. President Kravchuk reportedly issued this warning to other leaders: "Not only can our patience break, but it is breaking, and it is this far away," he said, holding out his thumb and forefinger.

A spokesman for President Snegur threatened that Moldavia could withdraw from the Commonwealth unless Mr Yeltsin condemned the Cossack mercenaries who are reinforcing rebel Russian military units in Moldavia.

Democrats to rescue, page 13



Sky pilots: John Waine, Robert Williamson and David Hope, the Bishops of Chelmsford, Southwark and London, took to the air yesterday for a helicopter tour over London's Docklands, which straddles their Anglican dioceses. The redevelopment scheme is the largest of its kind in Europe

Major aims for zero inflation

Continued from page 1 morning issue a new costing of Labour's manifesto. Mr Major said last night that Labour's budget was the tip of a gigantic iceberg that would rip a hole in the fabric

of Britain

He said Labour would inflict on the country the lunacy of a tax strategy that would affect all who achieved and all who aspired. Labour would hurt the most skilled. At his adoption meeting in Yeovil, Mr Ashdown said that only the Liberal Democrats trusted voters with the truth about the seriousness of the prob-lem and the lack of quick fixes. "We are the only party in the election which has recognised the seriousness of

Britain's current situation. There is a real danger that under either of the two other parties that situation could well become catastrophic." Senior Conservatives

sought to fan doubts surrounding Labour's pro-gramme by arguing that independent opinion was lin-ing up against its proposals. Chris Patten, the Conservative party chairman, said that The Economist had dealt Labour a punishing blow by destroying Mr Smith's pho-ney budget. Its verdict was that Labour was "reckless, flawed and dangerous" and that they would make the country's tax regime one of the most severe in the world. Michael Howard, the em-

Labour spokesmen for claiming that they would create 70,000 places on the employment training programme and 150,000 on a work experience programme when Mr Smith's shadow budget had allowed only £300 million for programmes which would cost £2.6 billion to implement ion full peers

in a full year. Tony Newton, the social security secretary, said that Labour's plan to end next year the 2 per cent incentive for 4.6 million private pen-sion holders would cost someone on average earnings £5.50 à week.

Leading article, page 15 Pound steady, page 19

Aide apologises to duchess

Continued from page 1 apologies." But the tabloid view that the duchess had

been "knifed" by the Queen and the palace establishment was not generally regarded as the fault of Mr Anson. The statement he had been authorised to make stated, unusually, that the legal separation proceedings had been initiated by the duchess, and it further made clear that from that moment she would undertake no further public engagements. There was also a widespread view that Mr Anson, a respected profes-sional and a former diplomat, would have offered no view

without the tacit approval of the Queen. While Mr Anson was issu-

Dance Company, an organisworld, the duke was reading out an identical copy to colprisingly, he is patron. leagues at the Army Staff College, Camberley, where he

is attending a course, it emerged yesterday. He ap-parently wanted his comrades to be the first to know. While Charles Doughty, solicitor for the duchess, continued his private negotia-tions with Sir Matthew Farrer, for the Queen, over a settlement for the duchess, the royal family firm made strenuous efforts yesterday to give the impression nothing untoward had happened. The Duke of York went to a hunchtime fund-raising performance in central London

by the London Contemporary

ation of which, somewhat sur-The duchess, dressed in black, put on a brave face as she made the regular mom-

ing nursery school run with her elder daughter. Princess Beatrice, from the couple's home at Sunninghill Park. The Queen, equally smil-

ing, visited Surrey University at Guildford to mark its 25th anniversary. Any fury she is reported to feel at the duchess throwing in the towel on her marriage was, as ever, regally concealed.

Man in the news, page 3 Charities stay loyal, page 3 Clifford Longley, page 14 Diary, page 14

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 18,872 ACROSS 29 Passed through a French river

1 Exhausted and colourless (6-3). 6 Princess's first married a king

9 Machine's control altered drastically (7).

binge (7). II in favour of wearing an article of apparel (5). 12 Leafy road has broken glass (4,2,3).

10 Bemoan fool being admitted to

13 As a last resort, propose imprisoning man (2,3,3). 15 One's needed to enter an American State (4). 19 14.13 is delayed (4).

20 Conservative celebration cut short - it's back to bits of paper

23 Business is not good in recession — close to a crash (9). 24 Little fellow fell into river on way

26 Language I wish a learner could translate (7). 27 Take a drink, cluding getting

28 My life's led, every second, for

Solution to Puzzle No 18,866 PERFUMES STOCKS N R E

1 Resolutely testate (4,1,4).

Cut thin, by the sound of it (5). Risk being close to passion (8). 4 Singly, it makes a square (3,2,3). 5 Marble, boring and vulgar (6).

6 Charm displayed by maiden when sitting on bed (6). 7 Coward, for instance, takes a drink at first (9). 8 Preserve some ointment (5).

14 Stir it up, up to mischief (9). 16 Dressing and redressing, lamenting (9). 17 Relax, swapping halves with the breeze behind (8).

18 Criminal proposal to encompass demise (8). 21 Felt for the money I drew (6).

22 Motorway has a place in the environment (6). 23 Copper avoiding observation with ease (5).

25 Lying note taken to school (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,871 ARDCHEESE STAR H C E H O V S U S E R I R Task sensedatum

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By Philip Howard a. A minor German princeling b. The letters A to M c. An underground river

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THE BUSINESS

SATURDAY MARCH 21 1992

BUSINESS EDITOR JOHN BELL



Profile

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In his youth, Sir Christopher Benson, the chairman of MEPC, the property group, had dreams of being in the Royal Navy and playing rugby for England but was forced to rebuild his life after a terrible car accident. He has made a success of his second-choice career and has held a number of chairmanships Page 21



Value deducted

Low property valuations are helping to jeopardise the housing market recovery and buyers often cannot complete deals because their mortgage offer, after valua-tion, is too low Page 23

More say

A simpler regulatory system is being proposed for brokers
and insurance company
sales agents, which should
give investors more say and peedier compensation ...Page 27



Bonds review

Life offices have been told by the Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation (Lautro) to review their marketing of with-profits bonds after widespread concern that they have been wrongly sold as short-term secure alternatives to building society accounts. Mike Abrahams, the chief enforcement officer of Lautro, said that investors could be paid compensation if it was found that they did not understand they were buying for the long



Charged up

Retailers may refuse to accept credit and debit cards if proposed increases in bank charges for servicing transactions go ahead. Barclays has put up charges and others will follow.....Page 24

Sales scrutiny

Unscrupulous traders may not be stopped by threats of new powers for trading stan-dards officers to ensure that sale prices are genuine. Officers say the proposals will



Opt for change

Labour's announcement that it will remove any incentive for contracting out of the state earnings-related pension scheme will reduce opting-in ages by five to seven years.....

Branson sues BA for libel in High Court

THE simmering row between Virgin Atlantic and British Airways turned into a battle yesterday as Virgin and its founder, Richard Branson, launched libel proceedings in the High Court against BA and its chairman, Lord King. The action follows com-

ments made in a BA News article, various letters and a press release published and issued by the flag carrier. The release related to allegations made by Virgin Atlantic of unacceptable business practices by BA.

Mr Branson, who two weeks ago sold Virgin Music to Thorn EMI for ES10 million, appears to have been goaded into action by recent comments from Lord King. In a statement, Mr Branson said: "Lord King said earlier this month that 'despite repeatedly threatening to take egal action against us, Mr Branson has to date failed to do so'. Until now, I have done everything I can to avoid two British airlines ending up in court against each other.

However, the manner in which BA and Lord King have attacked both Virgin Atlantic and myself, by dismissing Virgin's claims as fabrications, leaves me no choice but to proceed this

BA responded: "We will defend these proceedings vigor-

ously. The matter is now in the hands of our lawyers." Virgin has called on the services of Bob Beckman, the American lawyer who helped Sir Freddie Laker in his case against alleged anti-competi-tiveness by BA. Mr Beckman was instructed to institute formal proceedings against BA in America just over a week ago, but no writs have been served as yet.

In November, Mr Branson announced he was to complain to the Civil Aviation Authority, the transport department and the European Commission over an alleged "dirty tricks" campaign against his airline by the flag

He had compiled a dossier listing 100 incidents in which, Mr Branson claimed, he had been the victim of malicious disinformation.

Mr Branson said at the time that he was shocked and disgusted by what appeared to be a carefully orchestrated campaign. He claimed that Virgin documents outlining the airline's potential finan-cial difficulties were being distributed to the press.

BA denied any part in such a campaign. The row be-tween Virgin and BA has been fuelled by an increasingly competitive airline market in which too many airlines are chasing too few

passengers.

Although tiny by comparison with British Airways, Vir-

gin has successfully poached some of its rival's most profitable routes. The missle for business began in earnest last July, when Virgin began fly-ing from Heathrow for the

Later that month, Virgin was awarded a licence to begin flights to South Africa, hence threatening to end the highly lucrative monopoly enjoyed by BA and South African Airways since 1946.

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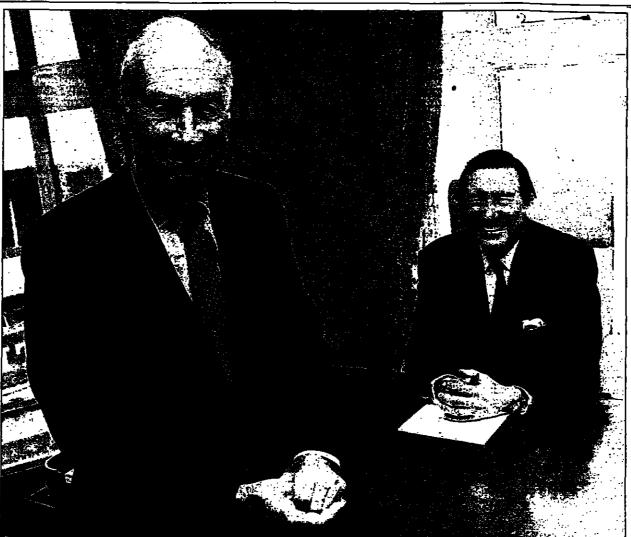
In August, Virgin turned up the heat further by undercutting BA's fares to America by up to £90. In November, as the "dirty tricks" row erupted. Virgin tried to force BA to give up one of its Tokyo slots. The Civil Aviation Authority blocked the move. The battle lines were drawn

this month when Mr Branson demanded a full apology from Lord King over the alleged attacks against him and Virgin.

Mr Branson leaves for Johannesburg tonight to negotiate slots for Virgin's proposed South African service. He returns to Britain on Wednesday. Currently, only SAA and BA serve Johannesburg direct from Heathrow. Mr Branson hopes to have seven flights a week to Johan-

He is due to hold talks with the South African minister of tourism early next week and is confident that his request for slots will be approved.

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Timetable talk: Sir Peter Gibbings (left) and David McCall, the chief executive of Anglia

Anglia broadcasts weaker profits picture

By GULLIAN BOWDITCH

SIR Peter Gibbings, chairwhich won its Channel 3 franchise last October with a bid of £17.8 million, yesterday described the bidding process as farcical despite expressing his delight at the group's success.

Pre-tax profits fell to £8.73 million in the 14 months to

end-December from £14.9 million (£5.2 million). Earn- have made a loss. He added million in the 12 months to ings fell from 21.9p to 13.3p that by the time the full costs end-October 1990. During £153 million (£124 million), with programme sales accounting for £22.4 million (£12.9 million).

Expenditure on programmes, both acquired and own productions, reached £62 million (£40.2 million), while investment income fell to £1.76

a share and the final dividend come on line in 1993, when changed annual 9.26p.

The group's share of industry advertising revenue increased from 6.72 per cent to 6.75 per cent. Sir Peter admitted that if the full costs of retaining the Channel 3 licence had been implemented this year, the group would

£17.8 million plus 7 per cent of its revenue to the Exchequer, the group will have the benefits of cost cutting econo-

mies and higher revenue. About 200 jobs, 22 per cent of the workforce, have been shed during the past two

Lawsuit proceeds on Kevin **Maxwell**

By Neil Bennett

THE liquidator of the Maxwell company pension funds is to proceed with legal action against Kevin Maxwell to recover some missing assets.

Robson Rhodes, provisional liquidator of Bishopsgate Investment Management, the company that managed the bulk of the pension funds. is sifting through information it has gathered to decide on further action. Neil Cooper, the partner from Robson handling the liquidation, said he would pursue a claim against Mr Maxwell, while Stephenson Harwood, Robson's solicitor, has not ruled out legal action against other BIM directors.

Robson began legal action against Mr Maxwell in December, and won an injunc-tion that froze almost all his assets. He is allowed £1,500 a week in living expenses.

Robson is sending a bill to Peters & Peters, Mr Maxwell's solicitors, for legal costs during its investigation, and is prepared to take its claim to court. That follows its failure to win an award for costs against Robert Maxwell's widow, Elisabeth, who yesterday emerged as the funder of Kevin and Ian Maxwell's legal fees.
Last month, Mr Cooper

said he has traced only £237 million of the £695 million hat belonged to the pension funds, and admitted most of the rest was "probably irre-coverable". Robert Maxwell spent much of it on an illegal operation to support the price of Maxwell Communication Corporation's shares.

Widow's support, page 1

THE POUND

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Bank of England official close (4pm)

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Sterling weathers a week of gloom

By Colin Narbrough, economics correspondent

THE pound and shares ended the week almost exactly where they started, despite a week full of mainly gloomy economic indicators.

After figures that showed annual inflation in February dropping below the German rate for the first time in almost 25 years, sterling yester-day stood at DM2.8619 at the official Bank of England close, almost half a pfennig up on its Thursday finish. It began the week at

The week's gyrations left the pound at \$1.7007 yesterday, down more than a cent from the previous close. Sterling's trade-weighted index was steady on 89.8, precisely where it started the week. The dollar's strength was the

main feature of foreign exchange market yesterday. The American currency moved ahead after reports that President Bush was discussing Iraq with his chiefs of staff. Fears of military action in the Gulf. or against Libya, drove investors into the dol-

lar, the traditional safe haven. Although Britain's annua inflation held steady at 4.1 per cent in February, slightly disappointing the City, foreign exchange dealers shrugged off the data. The pound was mainly helped by the softer mark, sentiment for which had also been hit by further strike action by German bank workers.

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Pro-Chinese papers attack Midland deal

By OUR BANKING CORRESPONDENT

PRO-CHINESE newspapers in Hong Kong have criticised the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank's merger with Midland at the end of a week of unusually muted reaction.

The newspapers, often a mouthpiece for official Chinese views, accused HSBC Holdings, the bank's holding company, of handing its shareholders interests to a British bank and using the merger to transfer its secret reserves out of the crown colony before China takes control

The comments from two newspapers, the Wen Wei Po and the Ta Kung Po, suggest the Chinese government is not happy with the bank's attempt to broaden its operations before 1997. The ap-

proval of the Chinese government is considered vital tothe success of the merger.
"Hong Kong people have

every reason to ask HSBC to be committed to the smooth transition and the stability and prosperity of Hong Kong, said Ta Kung Po. Meanwhile, William Pur-vis, the chairman of Hong-

kong Bank, said the deal would not be completed be-fore July at the earliest. He said some of the bank's head office functions would move to London if the merger

Sources close to the bank, however, say the entire head office will eventually move to London.

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Mr Byrne said shareholder

values would be best served

by a sale of Burlington. If no

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Gold carrier nears brink of sale

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON

BRINK'S-MAT, whose high security warehouse near Heathrow was relieved of £26 million worth of gold bullion in Britain's largest robbery almost ten years ago, is believed to be up for sale.

Although the company issued conflicting statements from two sources yesterday, analysts are convinced that the armoured car and security group, which plays a key role in moving Britain's international gold and currency around the world, is being sold as part of a reorganisation by its American parent, which lost \$150

million profit on a turnover million last year. of \$875.9 million. Brink's-MAT is part of the Pittston has announced that under Joseph Farrell, its new chairman and chief ex-Brink's Inc security empire owned by Pittston & Co. which mines coal from the ccutive, it is accelerating Appalachian mountains of efforts to sell Burlington to



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cent of its product. Pittston also owns Budington Air Expany spokesman in Virginia said the company would also consider selling Brink's Inc and the Brink's Home Secpress, the general cargo freight carrier it bought in 1982 for \$177 million, but urity Inc interests, once the Burlington operation has been sold. But William last year made just \$19.8 Byrne, a spokesman for the company at its headquarters in Greenwich, Connecticut, said: 'That statement was wrong. I would not like to

speculate on whether we will

buyer was found, a sale to the public through a share offer would be considered. Industry sources say Pittston, which exports an estimated 40 per cent of production to Japan, faced some of the most bitter strikes dur-

ing the late-Eighties when trying renegotiate a union contract to keep its mines open around the clock. An acrimonious 11-month stoppage ended two years ago. In the strike year, Pittston's profits fell to \$3.8 million on a turnover of \$1.8 billion and its shares have never topped \$22.25. Analysts estimate that a \$1,000 investment in 1980 would have been worth only \$1005 by 1990.

WHITTINGDALE CRICKET PLAN A MAJOR SUCCESS



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Mindis loss holds back recovery at **Attwoods**

By MARTIN BARROW

posal concern forced to make a deeply discounted rights issue late last year to cut debt. is holding the interim dividend at 1.75p a share for the six months to end-January.

Although profits were virtually unchanged at £16.51 million before tax, against £16.47 million, earnings fell from 5.07p a share to 4.27p. reflecting the 20 per cent increase in the number of shares issued after the £80 million cash call.

Ken Foreman, chairman, said he hoped to make a further announcement late next month on the progress of talks with bankers in Britain and America aimed at restructuring borrowings by securing more long-term debt to replace shorter-term finance. That weakness led to last year's credit crunch.

The company has debts of up to £100 million but also holds £40 million in cash. Gearing is just 28 per cent and cash flow remains strong. Edwin Johnson, a director and chief financial officer of Attwoods in America. the largest subsidiary, has been appointed group fi-nance director. He succeeds Stuart Lee, who resigned in

Turnover rose from E129.33 million to £168.3 million but operating profits rose by just £900,000 to

ATTWOODS, the waste dis- £18.18 million, reflecting margin pressure. All divisions increased profits except Mindis, the recyclable materials processing and marketing company based in America, which incurred a pre-tax loss of \$900,000 compared to a \$6 million profit in the first half of last year. Mr Foreman said that he

expected Mindis to return to profit in the second half following significant cost reductions and some improvement in metal prices. In the longer term, Mindis seeks to in-crease volumes of less volatile non-metal recyclables.

UK profits rose from £1.37 million to £2.47 million, helped by a full contribution from Ebenezer Mears, a quarrying and landfill company acquired last April that more than offset the impact of poor demand for quarry products and reduced volumes of waste from the construction industry.

America contributed £11.6 million, down from £13.74 million, reflecting losses at Mindis and the impact of a stronger dollar, which reduced earnings in sterling by 8 per cent. European activi-ties, centred in Germany, earned £4.36 million (£2.18 million last year) as demand for portable accommodation units continued to grow strongly, particularly in east-ern Germany.

disposal programme in an orderly fashion. Rosehaugh

shares rose from 63-p to 9p while shares in Stanhope Properties Rosehaugh's part-

ner in the Broadgate office

complex in the City of

London, closed 3p higher at

banks covers borrowings of

£310 million but does not

include debts associated with

Rosehaugh Stanhope Devel-

opments. Higher funding

costs and fees are likely but

Paul Rivlin, finance director,

declined to comment on re-

ports in money markets that

Rosehaugh will pay a margin

of at least 1 1/2 points over the

London interbank offered rate (Libor) for its existing

It is believed that the agree-ment allows for bank fees to be paid only from the pro-

Rosehaugh is committed to

selling property but no sales

schedule has been imposed

by the banks because of the

difficult market conditions. Mr Rivlin said £100 million

had been raised through dis-

posals in the current financial

year, which ends on June 30.

The company continues to

make trading losses and re-

mains "very cautious" about

Refinancing talks began late last year after the com-

pany breached banking cove-

nants. Its financial position

was further weakened by the

collapse of protracted merger

talks with Stanhope that were finally aborted in January. At

the same time Godfrey Brad-

man, the founder, stepped

down as chairman and re-

signed from the board last

prospects, he said.



BY OUR CITY STAFF

ROSEHAUGH, the troubled property company, has reached a new funding agreement with its banks until Jan-, uary 1994, winning more time to achieve disposals that are needed to reduce its crippling debt burden.

Leonard Kingshott, chairallowed the company to concentrate on managing its core businesses and to pursue its

Renault on track for sale

Renault, France's stateowned car and truck maker, is still on target for privatisation despite a drop in operating profits disclosed in its annual results. At the pre-tax level, profits more than dou-bled to Fr4 billion.

Raymond Levy, Renault's chairman, has made it clear that he sees no reason why the privatisation should not proceed, although there is no sign of an imminent move. Stock market listings in London, New York and in

Paris are expected. He said the sag in performance at the operational level was caused largely by special factors, including a freeze on demand due to the Gulf war and the effects of a strike at two main plants last autumn.

The car division contributed a fifth less to operational profits compared with the year before and the commercial vehicles division had worse losses than in the

previous year. Pre-tax profits were up 134 per cent due partly to a steep drop in exceptional charges and a fall in the interest bill.

Nestlé rises despite costs

Nestle said profits improved and sales margins were steady last year despite increased restructuring costs. The company raised consolidated net profit to SFr2.47 billion (£953 mil-

lion) in 1991 from SFr2.27 billion in 1990. It said its sales margin was

unchanged at 4.9 per cent. Group sales rose to SFr50.49 billion last year from SFr40.37 billion in 1990, an increase of 8.9 per cent. Sales volume rose 4 per cent.

Molins pays up Molins, which last November

finally shook Leucadia, a 48.4 per cent shareholder. from its register, is paying a total 1991 dividend of 12.75p a share (12p) after pre-tax profits up from £15.2 million to £15.5 million.



Clearer path: Ken Foreman, chairman of Attwoods, who is having talks aimed at restructuring borrowings

BA buys German airline

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL STAFF BRITISH Airways' strategy for developing a domestically-based operation to maintain a strong presence in Germany has accelerated with the acquisition of Delta, the regional German airline. The plan is to build up the

Delta operation substantially by bringing in new aircraft within a few months to ex-pand a network of domestic and international services.

Deutsche BA, formed by a consortium of German banks and British Airways, is making the purchase. BA holds 49 per cent and three banks the remainder. The price has not been disclosed but is probably less than £5 million.

The new company is seen by BA as a key operational base since it has to withdraw progessively from its German activities centred on Berlin. Richard Heideker, Delta's

managing director, will continue to run the airline, which will now operate as Deutsche BA. Delta was a "tightly run" regional airline, which BA decided offered the soundest way of establishing a new carrier in Germany, he said. Robert Ayling. BA's director of marketing and operaimportant investment and

commercial development for BA in the evolving German and continental European air transport markets. American Airlines, the largest American carrier, is

poised to take a substantial stake in Canadian Airlines. The alliance would give AA access to Canadian's extensive Pacific routes in exchange for capital.

MANDARIN Oriental, a

Hong Kong hotel company, is to follow Jardine Math-

eson, its parent group, in

seeking a primary listing in London. Jardine has applied for a secondary listing in Hong Kong and Mandarin

plans to do the same, to create

a consistent regulatory frame-

work for the group.

Moving primary listing to
London, shifting domicile to

Bermuda and diverting as-

sets overseas are among mea-

sures the Jardine group has taken with China's 1997 takeover of Hong Kong in

Net profits from Mandarin fell 17 per cent to US\$37.4 million in 1991. Robert Ril-

Berisford calls off rights after loan deal with banks

BY OUR CITY STAFF March, 1993. The rights is-

BERISFORD International, the commodity trading group, said that it would not proceed with a proposed £14.8 million rights issue after banks and underwriters failed to agree terms.

However, it said it had agreed new facilities with a group of four banks, led by

sue, announced on February 21, was intended to reduce debts and enable it to support the activities of Rayner Coffee International, its loss-making 45 per cent-owned coffee trading associate, which had been adversely affected by a sharp fall in coffee prices. the National Westminster, Berisford said that the need extending to the end of for the rights issue funds was

Blue Circle sells S African stake

By Jon Ashworth

BLUE Circle Industries. Britain's biggest cement producer, has sold a 42 per cent stake in its South African associate company to Murray & Roberts, the republic's largest construction group, for £70 million.

The Blue Circle sale, widely expected, is seen as a cashraising exercise rather than a case of disinvestment in the region. Blue Circle shares rose 4p to 249p.

The group appears keen to diversify closer to home. In November, it paid £18.7 million for Sweden's largest radiator producer and invested £1.3 million in a joint venture with a Norwegian housebuilder last month. The South African sale will provide further funds for

The Blue Circle deal makes Murray & Roberts one of

the Gulf war and recession

international travel.

had had a severe impact on

The company's turnover increased to \$127 million from \$124 million. Operating profit dropped to \$33 million from \$36 million. A final

dividend of 3.59 cents will be

paid, making a total of 5

cents for the year, as in 1990. Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, which is controlled by

the Kadoorie family, reported

a 6 per cent drop in net profits to HK\$313 million (£23.6 million) for 1991. Its hotels

in Asia, particularly the flag-

Kong, performed strongly

but those in New York and Beverly Hills, California, re-

EC to make it cheaper to change money

A "USERS" charter, outlin-

ing the rights of small busi-

nesses and individuals to a

more equitable system of

cross-border bank transfer

charges, will be unveiled by

the European Commission

The commission has been

aware for a long time that a

big consumer concern about

the barrier-free market of

1993 is that one of its main

tenets — the free movement

of capital — is impinged on

by the existence of nine dif-

A survey by the European Consumers' Union this year

found that a traveller setting

off with £100 ended up with £50 after nine border

Big companies tend not to

ferent currencies.

changes.

next week.

ship Peninsula, in Hong

HK hotel group to

seek London listing

FROM LULU YU IN HONG KONG

South Africa's biggest suppli-ers of construction materials. The group plans to incorporate Blue Circle's interests into its construction services and materials division and eventually to split them into two units

Murray & Roberts has the right to continue using the Blue Circle name for three

David Brink, chief executive of Murray & Roberts, said the company is keen to expand in South Africa and in neighbouring countries, such as Zimbabwe. Murray & Roberts shares

have risen from R50 (approximately £10) to R57 since news of the deal leaked four Murray & Roberts is controlled by Sanlam, one of

South Africa's largest insur-

HORNBY, the toys, hobby

and sports boat manufac-

turer, expects difficult trading

conditions to continue this

year. Retailers are placing or-

ders and accepting deliveries later than ever, putting fur-

ther pressure on working

The single final dividend is being held at 9p for 1991. Pre-tax profits dropped from

a restated £4.44 million to

£2.09 million on sales down

from £39.5 million to £32 million. Earnings fell from 37.7p a share to 15.4p. Com-parable figures for 1990 have

been adjusted to include an exceptional credit of £616.000.

Jack Strowger, the chairman, said: "We anticipated

FROM TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

commission will recom-mend that banks publish

the time and cost of cross-

border transactions so that

consumers can shop around

Sir Leon Brittan, the EC

competition commissioner.

says that market forces will

then drive down costs natu-

rally. However, if that is not

the case, the commission

will consider introducing

The commission esti-

mates that around 200 mil-

lion transactions of less than 2,500 ecus (£1,780) are

made across the EC's borders annually - a figure that

is certain to increase when

trade barriers come down from January 1. The fee for

each payment varies be-tween E7 and E40 depend-

for the best deal.

legislation.

be so affected because they often get better deals. The tween E7 and E40 depending on the urgency of the

less urgent as the coffee market had now stabilised and steps had been taken to restructure the RCI trading book after the appointment of a new chairman and a group managing director. Talks had made good progress and were expected to result in the sale of a number of sub-

Borrowings of RCI's trading operations in London and New York have been reduced by more than \$30 million. The maximum level of RCI's permitted borrowings guar-anteed by Berisford has been reduced by \$10 million to \$105 million, of which \$88 million is currently drawn. RCI will seek to extend its banking facilities, which run

until the end of June. Berisford's new facilities, coupled with RCI's improved position, are considered adequate to support trading requirements and for Berisford to provide appropriate finan-cial support for RCI. Beris-ford said it would make further asset disposals to facilitate the early repayment of RCI's guaranteed bank bor-

has been removed. Berisford expects to be in a position "to implement a strategy for acquisition and growth". The company has stated its intention to withdraw completely from commodity trading and is likely to dispose of its inter-est in RCI eventually. Shares in Berisford rose

from 18½p to 20½p. The company was on the brink of receivership in 1990.

that consumer spending would be affected by the re-

cession and took immediate

action to contain overheads."

Cash flow remained strong although year-end cash bal-ances fell from £4.9 million to

E3.3 million because a greater

proportion of sales occurred

in November and December, with payment not due until after the year-end. Trade

debtors on December 31

owed £6.4 million, a £1.5 mil-

lion increase, although that was partly offset by a 20 per cent reduction in stocks.

Group operating profits were E2.3 million, down from E4.9 million. Sales of Hornby railways and Scalextric con-

tinued to represent more than 60 per cent of sales.

transfer and whether the

sender wants to pay the re-ceiving bank's fees. That

means international trans-

fers cost about 20 times as

payments.

systems.

much as domestic

A London-based bank ex-

ecutive, who worked on one

of the commission's adv-

isory committees on bank

charges, said there were

three problems in cross-bor-

der banking the need to re-

port bank transactions to a

central authority, the high

cost of telecommunications.

and the differences in legal

harmonisation would grad-ually whittle away all three.

"And with the advent of a

single currency most of

these problems will disap-

pear anyway."he added.

He said that increased

Delayed orders put

pressure on Hornby

BY MARTIN BARROW

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

New products help Halstead lift payout HIGHER profits have enabled James Halstead, the floor

coverings and rainwear group, to raise its interim dividend, despite what it described as "the worst trading environment for many years". New products from the floor coverings business and production efficiencies helped group pre-tax profits climb from £3.34 million to £3.44 million in the six months to end-December. Turnover edged up from £28.2 million to £28.9 million.

Last year's decision to close Belstaff International, the maker of motorcycle equipment, rain and casual country wear, following continuing losses, will result in extraordinary closure costs of about £3 million in the full-year accounts. Vincent Clare, chairman, said that current trading conditions remain as difficult as last year, although he is optimistic of another satisfactory performance. The interim dividend is being increased to 4.5p, against 4.25p last time. Earnings rise from 14.9p a share to 15.56p.

Packer falls short

KERRY Packer's flotation of his Australian Consolidated Press Group closed yesterday with market sources suggesting there was a serious shortfall in demand. About half of the A\$475 million (£209 million) magazine float was taken up by institutions, but it is understood private investors may have left the other half of the float up to 25 per cent short. Some of Australia's main fund managers did not subscribe. There was a widely-held feeling that the A\$5-a-share offer was fully priced at 13.4 times forecast 1993 earnings, and offered limited scope for profit. Mr Packer, Australia's richest man, will keep a 55 per cent stake in the company.

Fired Earth slides
PRE-TAX profits at Fired Earth Tiles, the Oxfordshire specialist tile retailer, fell to £302,000 in the year to endDecember, from £753,000 last time, despite an improvement in turnover from £5.04 million to £5.26 million. The ment in timover from £5.04 failing to £5.26 failing. The company said overall turnover was static, although sales from the Merchant Tiler shops, which sell less expensive tiles, doubled to £1.8 million, with the average number of outlets increasing from six to ten. Earnings slide to 3.58p a share, down from 8.56p. The board has declared a second interim dividend of 2.4p, instead of the final 2.4p paid last time, making an unchanged total of 4.025p for the year.

Perry takes a tumble

PERRY Group, the multi-franchise motor distributor, is paying an unchanged total dividend for last year despite a 46.7 per cent drop in pre-tax profits to £2.23 million. The group blamed the setback on the recession, which hit Perry's profits from new car sales, truck sales and contract hire. The final dividend is held at 6.25p, making an unchanged total of 9p. Earnings per share dropped from 17.2p to 9.2p. Turnover fell from E328.8 million to E301.1 million. The company said that the new car market was "the smallest in ten years", although used car retailing saw good profit

Sheafbank in the red
SHEAFBANK Property Trust, the property development
and financial services group, has cut its final dividend after
suffering a pre-tax loss of £993,000 in the year to end-March
1991, compared with a profit of £501,000 previously. There
was an exceptional debit of £950,000, relating to a provision
against the carping value of investments in financial against the carrying value of investments in financial services. Gross income fell to £1.17 million (£2.4 million). The final dividend is reduced to 0.1p (0.65p), making a total of 0.2p for the year (0.75p). There is a 6.19p loss per share (2.48p earnings). The company wants to extend the current accounting period to June 1992. The shares lost 2p to 19p.

Bedford trims loss

WILLIAM Bedford, the Unlisted Securities Market quoted antiques dealer, has trimmed pre-tax losses from £258,707 to £210,131 in the year to end-December. Turnover fell from £2.03 million to £1.63 million, as the recession hit the antiques trade. The loss per share is reduced to 2.6p, against a deficit of 4p a share last time. There is again no dividend. William Bedford said the underlying trend showed no sign of recovery in any of the company's markets. The share price

Stronger policies on industry urged

A MORE coherent UK inaimed at winning back lost overseas markets, is urged by the British Chambers of

Commerce (BCC).

A BCC discussion paper rejects both the Sixties-style interventionism associated with Labour and the Conservative government's hands-off approach.

The BCC calls for a reversal of Tory plans for restricting the government's role in export credit guarantees. At the same time, however, it wants a continuing process of dereg-ulation and scrapping of red

A more important role for the trade and industry de-partment is urged, raising what the BCC describes as its "fairly low" status within government and increasing its "limited" power to influence policy.

Promotion of small firms should revert to the DTI from the employment department, the BCC suggests.

A more aggressive ap-proach by the government to research and development is advocated through tax incentives, funding and an advisory system.

The strengths of small and medium-sized companies in responding quickly to market demands should be capitalised on, the BCC says. It suggests that the government should ensure there is a sound and accessible system for informing and advising such companies, together with more encouragement for research and development and exporting.

Exporting would benefit from government commitment not only to export credit guarantees but to export market research and support for trade missions, the BCC be-

It wants to see a "coherent, co-ordinated and integrated framework of government policies across the wide range of factors affecting commerce and industry". These include education and training, tech-nology and innovation and

The BCC recipe for improving the climate for investment is lower inflation, reduced taxation and more stable interest rates.

Richard Brown, director of policy at the BCC, said: "Industry and government must work together towards the common goal of sustainable

A Basis for an Industrial Policy: £10 from BCC, 9 Tufton Street, London SW1P

Brussels to lift oil ban on Pretoria

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT

THE European Community is likely to lift its embargo on oil exports to South Africa within the next month, according to sources close to the EC's Portuguese presidency. EC foreign ministers will probably formally lift the embargo at their meeting in Brussels on April 6.

Oil experts say lifting what is one of the final international sanctions against Pretoria will have only a minor effect on the oil markets, as South Africa has started using its strategic oil reserves built up after sanctions were imposed

Foreign oil accounts for only 6 per cent of South Africa's energy imports. "We are a coal economy," said one South African official yesterday,

The country has also begun producing its own oil at three sites near Johannesburg. These are believed to produce about 10 million tons a year. although the government's Petroleum Act bars all publi-cation of oil statistics, including the size of the oil reserves.

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BUSINESS PROFILE: Sir Christopher Benson

Rebuilding from shattered dreams

The chairman of MEPC, the property group, tells Gillian Bowditch how he succeeded in his second-choice career

'I learned my

business by

pretending

I knew

what to do

until I did'

Benson was barely 20. a serious car accident put paid to his career plans. The Royal Navy. which he had wanted to join ever since he first donned a sailor suit. was no longer an option. His cherished dream of playing rugby for England shattered with the windscreen of his MG sports car.

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For a second choice of career he has not done at all badly. As chairman of MEPC, Britain's second largest property group, he is arguably the most senior establishment figure in the British property industry. He was knighted in 1988 at the end of his four-year stint as chairman of get into grammar school, he London Docklands Development

chairmanship of Boots, the retail group, a director-ship of the Royal Opera House and the chairmanship of the Housing Corporation to his impressive curricu-lum vitae. His achievements are a testimony to his

him well. On the whole, however, Sir Christopher's image of himself and the image he projects differ markedly. He describes himself as "not a very warm person, not very

He describes his friends as few and his acquaintances as many. However, acquaintances who clearly count themselves as friends talk warmly of him.

In an industry not known for its altruism. Sir Christopher is described as a man of integrity and sensitivity. Trevor Osborne, chairman of Speyhawk, says: "He is always keen to help and I have never seen him treat anyone as

anything other than an equal."

Sir Christopher is perceived as supremely competent but he is self-effacing and keen to point out any little failures on the path of his success. He admits to an impulsive, impatient streak. "I'm not patient with the people that matter and perhaps I'm over-patient with people that matter less. I spend a long time listening to the problems

hen Sir Christopher, of people I don't love and then expect too much of the people I do love." He has two sons, Charles and Julian. The latter says: "He's not icy but I think he is more responsive to strangers than others might be. Emotionally, he's independent. He wouldn't bring a problem to myself or my brother. He would do to my mother, but it would have to be a serious problem. He's very resilient ber he derives an enormous amount of

support from her."
Resilience has been a feature of his life. He was born in Staffordshire in 1933, the son of a dentist, and attended the local Church of England school After failing to moved to Worcester Cathedral Corporation. Along the way, he King's School where he says he

played rugby and truant. "I was academically bone idle," he says.
"Looking back, I am cross with myself for not using the brain God had given me." Swimming was one way of avoiding academic classes and, as a boy, he was county

champion. "I was a potential Olympic swimmer for about 30 minutes," he says. In 1947, he joined The Incorporated Thames Naurical Training Col-lege HMS Worcester, where he was given a beating on his first day for walking instead of running. His idea was to use the training college as a route into the Royal Navy but while he was there the Royal Navy class was dropped and his hopes were dashed.

He left at 16 and joined the Union Castle line as a cadet. His first 48 hours were spent loading spirits. "I learned in my first few hours how to drop a case on its side and break the bottles. I regretted it from the minute I joined but there were wonderful moments. Silly little things like watching dolpins playing in front of the bows of the ship and seeing sunrise and sunset at sea. There were also miserable things like using the heavy deter-gent paste, which took the skin off

your hands, to clean white work." After two-and-a-half years of seeing the world, he left, still hankering after the Royal Navy.



Down on the farm: Sir Christopher and his wife, Jo, the "greatest influence" in his life

After a short spell as an agricultural surveyor, he joined up for National Service. Pursuing the idea of a permanent commission, he arrived in Lossiemouth, Grampian, where he was selected to play rugby for the Royal Navy Scotland. "I was very happy there. I had a real chance of getting a trial to play rugby for England."

The happiness was short lived.

After a party, he drove his girl-friend and his friend. Hardy, home to the naval base. "Normally on those sort of jaunts you'd festoon the car with just everybody clinging on and go home absolute-ly pie eyed. Whilst everybody tells me I was drunk, I was not. I can remember exactly how much I had to drink," he says.

Hardy was navigating and instead of directing the car onto the main runway at the base, he guided it on to the perimeter track. They started to go round a bend and collided with a huge mound of gravel. The passengers fell out and the car landed on Sir Christopher.

"I skidded along the road for a time," he says. "I knew that this chap called Miles was driving an

old spider Bugatti just behind us with dozens of people in the car. I started crawling, I couldn't walk. I was deaf in one ear and had lost part of my face. I thought I was dead for a time and then I realised I was hurting. Luckily, the headlamps of my car were still working, shining up into the air, and Miles slowed down and stopped just by

r is girlfriend escaped with only a cut but Sir Christopher and Har-dy were taken to hospi-tal, written off for dead. His mother failed to recognise him when she came to visit. Two years of plastic surgery with Harold Gillies, the famous plastic surgeon, followed. "He made me watch my last operation. He gave my face a good scrub and he gave me a mirror. I didn't think I could watch it but by the end I was totally detached. I got in the car drove back to Worcester and went to a cocktail party." His physical recovery has been remarkable although one eye is lazy and he remains deaf in one ear. Psycho-

logically, the healing process took

longer.
"I was pretty shocked by what I looked like," he says. "I went to a hunt ball after I came out of hospital and got as far as the bar.
While I was there, supping my
pint of beer out of the corner of my
mouth, a girl with whom I had
been very familiar came through the door. She was well-oiled and she said: 'Jesus Christ, why do they let people like that in here'. She

didn't even recognise me. "That knocked my confidence entirely and I slowed down at the bridge over the river Severn on the way home and thought 'Dear God is it always going to be like this? It didn't actually occur to me to throw myself off, but later I thought it was significant that I slowed down at the bridge." His tenacity and the support of his father, whom he describes as a patient, reassuring man, helped him through. He joined a firm of agricultural valuers, working as an agricultural auctioneer in Salisbury, Wiltshire. His impatience at the lack of finding a partnership as an agricultural surveyor and a

growing realisation that as the both of them in the group. "He cattle auctions moved out of their traditional town centre venues. something could be done to redevelop them, led him into the world

"I came up to London and I learned my business as a town centre redeveloper by just pretending I knew what to do until I did," he says. He also met Sam Chippendale of Arndale, the legendary developer. The two worked well together until 1969 when a dis-agreement over the Arndale Centre in Poole, Dorset, led to Sir Christopher setting up Dolphin Developments on his own. "The first year was pretty miser-

able. I came to the conclusion I'd done the wrong thing when I couldn't afford to buy the children Christmas presents. Then in December, a deal came up with Sun Alliance. They were very generous and we had a partnership. I did all but one of my developments with them." He has maintained close links with the insurance company and is now on the board. He met

his wife, Jo, in Salisbury and they ended up liv-'He has a great ing in the house in which she was deal of charm born. She is a Justice of the and it is easy Peace and works to believe number of charinotably he has a those involved romantic streak with cancer research and the elderly. At the

time they met, she was chairman of the Young

"I was a bit frightened of her," Sir Christopher says. "She was establishment and I was not. We sort of drifted together. It was quite a job to get her to marry me but she has been the greatest influence in my life."

In 1973, he sold his company to The Law Land Company and retired for six weeks on the proceeds. However, ambition and the need to be doing something drove him back into business. He joined MEPC, the property group, as development director when it was suffering in the 1974 crash. The group had over-extended itself to the extent that some of its property ventures in Oxford Street were greater than the capital value of the group. Along with David Davies, the property entrepreneur, he travelled the world persuading banks to back the company. Sir Christopher and Davies were joint vice-chairman of MEPC and despite cosy, weekly dinners, they

knew there was not room for

was much brighter than me but I was street wise," Sir Christopher says. "He had a terrific temper. He always wants his own way and will show it. I want my own way but have learned not to show it. Davies left to join Hong Kong Land and Sir Christopher became managing director and then chairman of MEPC in 1988, the year after he had taken on Harry Hyams, the powerful property magnate. Sir Christopher acquired Hyams' company, Oldham Estate, in a hostile £530 million deal, which, at the time, was the biggest property takeover in Brit-

Sir Christopher's cultured image and impeccable manners. coupled with his genuine concern over social issues, have led some to regard him as a soft touch, but his son, Julian, insists he is no pushover. "I sometimes tell him he is Norman Tebbit without the jack boots. He is no bleeding heart but I think he occasionally feels an ironic juxtaposition between his

homeless and his job as a property developer. He is sensitive and he tional threshold. Although he is easily moved, he has a limited emotional vocabulary. He doesn't reveal his vulnerabilities. He is ca-

pable of immense moral courage." Friends find it difficult to imagine him retiring. Osborne says: "He is so keen to get involved that I sometimes think he would like to be chairman of everything." In his spare time, Sir Christopher tends his 350 acre farm in Wiltshire, tries to attend every production at the Royal Opera House and flies helicopters and small planes. "Flying is a get-away-from-it-all hob-by." Julian says.

Sir Christopher says: "I used to not like ballet at all. I think its this male problem of seeing men leap around all over the stage." Now, his favourite ballet is Manon. "I suppose that makes me a double romantic," he says. He has a great deal of charm and it is easy to believe he has a romantic streak.

"I haven't got a grand life plan but if I see something needs to be done!'ll try to do it," he says. "I am determined but not in that sort of boorish, push-people-out-of-theway sense. I don't mind if everyone else comes with me, its quite fun if they do, but I am determined to

WEEK ENDING | Matthew Bond

A marriage arranged behind Chinese walls

ROMANCE is dead, the fairy tale is over. Marriages, it seems, are not made in heaven, or come to that in deepest, royalest Berkshire. But lovers of the happy ending need not despair. For they are, it seems, still very much made in Hong Kong.

Or they are this week. Who knows what the next few months will bring? Predictability is in distinctly short supply when you are dealing with two emotional individuals like the Midland and Hongkong and Shanghai Banks, the Burton and Taylor of the banking world. Just about the one thing that has been certain over the years of their tempestuous affair is that nothing can be banked on . . . particularly at the Midland, whose carefree ifyou've-got-it, lend-it lifestyle has seen off so many would-

In the City of London, an unofficial investigation has already begun into why the fact that the on-off romance was back on again was not emblazoned all over the tabloid press two days before the £8 billion engagement was officially confirmed. Stock market aides are said to be furious about missing out on the enormous profits that could have been made by a well timed leak.

The early findings of the investigation suggest that neither side hired a profes-sional public relations firm especially for the job. Angry stock market sources say that the Midland ought to have known better and that the Hongkong bank's failure to seek PR advice demonstrates its fundamental un-suitability as a member of the British financial

But William Purves, head honcho at Honkers and Shankers', is too ardent a suitor to be deterred by such idle tittle-tattle. After years of searching the world for the perfect domicile - sorry, partner - he is not going to allow the bank of his dreams to get away. But then Sir Peter Walters, his opposite number at Midland, is hardly

playing hard to get. His "I almost certainly will" is about as near as a banker gets to a straight yes.

The two banks are already

pretty intimately acquainted having indulged in quite a bit of illicit pre-merger asset shuffling in the wake of their original engagement au-nouncement five years ago. But even second time around, the elaborate fore-play—due diligence is such a tawdry phrase—required for this exotic union means that final consummation may not take place until July. But can



the path of true love remain

smooth for so long? The Midland could get a bad case of post-electoral depression, especially if the deposits now growing in its savings accounts are bulktransferred to the Inland Revenue. Regulators could also withhold consent: to wit. not unreasonably, the Bank of England, and to woo, far less reasonably, the Chinese

The idea that the fate of one of Britain's high street banks could be determined by those well known proponents of free enterprise in Peking is, to say the very least, an unlikely one. But perhaps it should not be rejected out of hand.

For in 1992, the Hang Seng index, that barometer of Hong Kong's financial well-being, has moved just one way — steeply upwards. In three months, it has risen by over 16 per cent, with the market apparently uncon-cerned by the prospect of the Chinese takeover in 1997.

formance of London's Footsie, which has done little but fall since Mr Major's vis-it to the Queen raised the spectre of a Labour takeover. The clear answer to the City's woes therefore is to call off the election campaign and embark instead on a roll-ing programme of collectiv-isation, with control of most of Britain's leading financial institutions passing gradual-

ly to the Chinese.

Compare that with the per-

The Chinese seem to be preparing for a more active role in western life. Despite reports that Chinese journalists had been instructed to expose the weaknesses of wave of objectivity appears to be emerging. The Guangming Daily's headline The British dream of owning one's house is shattered" seems less party dogma and more fair comment — albeit three weeks early.

Clearly the writers of the

Guangming Daily have been uicker than the British elecorate to understand the full inplications of John Smith's shadow budget. Even some loyal Labour supporters seemed to have missed the "pip-squeaking" message Mr Smith — the Leona Helmsley of domestic fiscal policy - dispatched to Brit-ain's middle class. David Goldstone, for example, the Welsh business wizard behind Regalian Properties, was one of the signatories to a letter to this newspaper upporting the Labour cause. The one slight surprise is that Regalian's best knwon asset is a block of 20 unsold, luxury flats overlooking Kensington Gardens with an average price of £5 million. Now, either Mr Goldstone

has sold the entire block to

the board of the Hongkong

and Shanghai Bank, or con-

viction politics is coming

very expensive these days.

Fraud 'is mostly: in-house'

By Graham Searjeant

MOST large-scale fraud on companies is internal and management is responsible for extracting three times as much money as other em-ployees, according to an analysis of 279 cases between 1987 and 1991 when criminal charges were brought relating to fraud totalling almost £1.2 billion.

KPMG Forensic Accounting, the fraud department of KPMG Peat Marwick, the accountant, found that fraud by outsiders, including frauds on the public, accounted for 40 per cent or more of cases involving at least £100,000. The number of such fraud cases, which was stable at less than 50 a year in 1987-9, jumped to more than 70 a year as the recession started. Some of the increase involved gangs, including mortgage fraud conspiracies,

fall in house prices! Ian Huntington, fraud spe-cialist partner at KPMG, who is on secondment to the Serious Fraud Office, said companies were most vulnerable in periods of change such as when they made acquisitions, sold or closed businesses, or made key employees redundant, particularly middle managers who oversaw anti-fraud systems.

which were discovered by the

Management controls tended to be slack in such periods and some managers or employees either engaged in fraud or turned a blind eye.

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Market scents **Redland victory**

defending itself against the unwanted £612 million assault from Redland but its days of independence are probably nearing an end as the bid heads for Thursday's

final closing date. Rediand has cleverly outmanoeuvred its opponent, helped by a strong run of good luck. Steetley was always fighting at a disadvantage; tied more closely to the battered British building market and lacking Redland's international spread, the company had little to look forward to over the next two years but falling profits.

A clearly defensive merger of the British building interests Steetley and Tarmac fell foul, probably wrongly, of the Office of Fair Trading, while the Redland bid went through the regulatory hoop with few problems.

No white knight bidder

appeared on the scene, although Minorco and ECC Group were rumoured contenders, and Steetley suffered the misfortune of losing its broker at the later stages of the bid. But it was fence document that undermined Steetley. That allowed the bidder to get away with a minor tweak upwards of the terms after its target, having raised expectations of a hefty asset revaluation, was forced to admit a £40 million hole in the accounts from a French acquisition in 1990. Redland is offering 87

new shares for every 100 in Steetley. There is a 365p cash alternative, and the offer values each Steetley share at 379p. The Steetley price is pitched at 370p, a clear indication that the market scents a Redland victory. Further weakness could push the price to below the cash alternative. allowing Redland to buy heavily in the market.

Placing a bet on the build-ing sector ahead of the election is not easy. Nervous investors in Redland should sell while the price remains above the cash alternative. The new Redland shares, however, have the support of a 7.8 per cent yield to the Steetley investor swapping into them and are likely to prove attractive to the institutions.

Molins restarts

MOLINS' share price has remained remarkably strong over the past four months, even though Leu-cadia, the American financial group which had long rattled the takeover cage. quit Molins' share register last November.

Investment will follow from here on the grounds that Molins is a start-again situation. Pre-tax profits in the year to December were slightly ahead at £15.5 million, against £15.2 million on turnover up from £136.8 million to £155 million.

The 1991 profits advance owes more to a fall in the interest charge, to £3.3 million from £3.6 million, than to improvements at the operating level, where higher profits from packaging machinery were undone by weaker profits from to-bacco machinery.

There was a repeated £3.2 million credit in 1991 from Molins' pension funds, which at January l had combined surpluses of £38 million. How the company. and the scheme members, can best benefit from such surpluses is being worked on, though 1992 could see net earnings checked because the incidence of loss from the pension credit could be greater than the interest savings.

Trading conditions remain difficult, the order book is sound, and the total dividend, which rises from 12p to 12.75p a share, is well covered by net earnings of 37.3p a share.

Pre-tax profits may inch forward to £16 million, and at 385p the shares trade on a shade over 10 times prospective earnings. Hold.

Opinion poll worries pull down shares and bonds

GOVERNMENT bonds and share prices were again on the slide. Investors were worried by the possibility of at least half a dozen opinion polls being published over the weekend showing a sizeable Labour lead.

Financial markets have found themselves at the mercy of the polls since the date for the election was confirmed last week. The equity market has been forced to contend with violent fluctuations.

The FT-SE 100 index saw an early rise wiped out and, at one stage, was more than 20 points down after City economists judged the latest inflation figures to be disappointing. It finished 11 points lower at 2,456.6, a fall

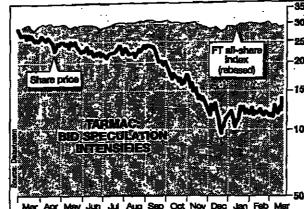
on the week of only 19.4. This is one trading account that both brokers and investors will be glad to see the back of. Market-makers have spent their time staying out of trouble. The fall over the past two weeks has been 76.5.

Government securities managed to claw back some of this week's heavy losses, with rises of E% at the longer end, despite another uncertain performance by the pound and the first signs of upward pressure on interest

Political worries were again to the fore among the privatised companies. In the water sector, losses were recorded in Anglian, 3p to 326p. North West, 3p to 341p. Severn Trent, 5½p to 319½p, Southern, 3p to 332p, Thames, 2p to 341p, Weish, 2p to 367p, and Yorkshire, 6p to 354p. Electricity distributors were also suffering as Eastern fell

4p to 222p, East Midland, 5p to 228p, London, 3p to 254p, Manweb, 4p to 286p, Midland, 2p to 243p, North-ern, 4p to 244p, Norweb, 3p to 263p, Seeboard, 4p to 248p, Southern, 5p to 239p, South Wales, 4p to 282p and South West, 5p to 246p. The Electricity Package fell £45 to £2.493.

The generators also found the going hard. National



Power ended 3p cheaper at that the dramatic drop in 190p, PowerGen was down 2p at 201p, Scottish Hydro 20 at 97p and Scottish Power 10 at 95 20.

Speculative buying continued to drive Tarmac, the builder and building products group, sharply higher in

past year, its loss of top 100 status and the referral of the proposed merger of its building products interests with those of Steetley, have left the group vulnerable to a bid. Minorco, the Luxembourg-

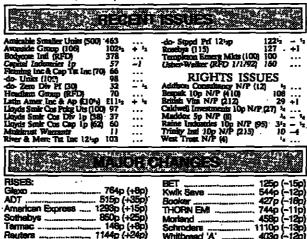
Tarmac's price during the

BET, the industrial services group, fell 15p to 125p after suggestions that BZW, which acts jointly for the company with Cazenove, had cut its pre-tax profit forecast for the current year by £13 million to £115 million. Cazenove reduced its forecast in February.

active trading. The price touched 151p before settling 8p better at 146p, as a further 10 million shares changed hands. That brings the rise during the past two days to 26p, with almost 20 million shares traded. The whisper is

based minerals group, with its large cash resources. remains top of the list of predators.

There was selective support elswhere in the building sector. Pilkington, an old takeover favourite, advanced 6p



New York - Shares started sharply higher but blue chips made only slight gains at the opening bell. Volume was heavy, surpassing 50 million shares in the first 15 minutes. Analysts said the advance was due mostly to the "triple

witching" expirations of op-

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BPB Industries 3p to 161p.

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their profits, having seen

news earlier this week. Only Lloyds, 4p better at 391p and

Bardays, down 1p to 331p.

ional, 1p to 275p.

There was evidence of top-

bond market and Thursday's rise also helped. In morning trading, the Dow Jones industrial average climbed by 4.25 points to 3,265.65.

☐ Sydney — The All Ordinaries index closed 12.6 higher at 1,584.1. ☐The Tokyo market was closed for a holiday. (Reuter)

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The Reuters share price came under pressure recently after technicians carrying out tests on Globex discovered teething troubles after doubling the number of screens to 250. This led to concern that the system, designed to link the Chicago Options Exchange and the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, would be further delayed. · Further testing of Globex is expected next week. Reuters Laporte . GUS 'A' remains confident that the Costain FALLS: difficulties can be overcome. Closing Prices..Page 31 MICHAEL CLARK 279.50 294.30 + 4.40 93.40 98.50 + 0.50

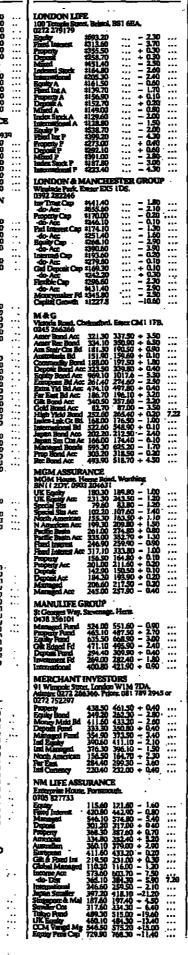
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American slicing by the institutions as shares of Midland Bank came off 7p to 343p. Brokers believe Hong Kong & Shanghai might not announce the terms of its proposed merger before the summer. Analysts say both groups might wait to see whether the bid is given the all-clear by the govern-ment and avoids a European This gives fund managers time to consolidate some of Midland's share price climb 91 p this week. The rest of the banks were softer, having benefited from Midland's The Royal Bank of Scotland. ip firmer at 175p, made There were setbacks for National Westminster, Ip to 296p, Standard Chartered, 2p to 445p and Abbey Nat-Reuters, the international news agency and financial information group, climbed 24p to £11.44 after its Globex screen-based computer trading system received favour-able mention at an options and futures conference in 443.60 467.00 + 3.10 \$21.60 549.10 - 3.40

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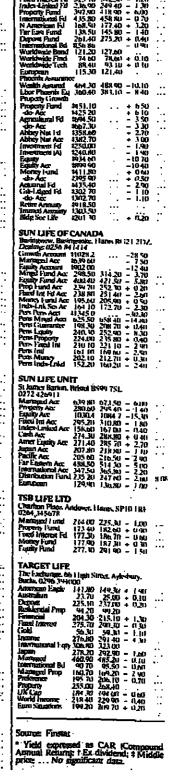
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Self-regulation of the invest-ment industry will be put to the test in the coming months as the regulators and their members discuss how the Chucas report should be implemented. Sir Kenneth Clucas wants to put the interests of investors first, but it will be the self-interested investment companies that will have the final say about whether this can be achieved.

The Clucas report calls for one regulatory body to control the activities of any company selling investments to the public. This seems so natural that investors can only wonder that companies have a multitude of options at the moment and the ability to move from one regulator to another

when things get too hot.

It does not help that they all have odd acronyms and lousy complaints departments staffed by people who seem only too willing to take the word of the member against that of a paying member against that of a paying member of the public.

The current regulators com- outlawed.

Good faith v self-interest

investors, but it is the clients who really pay and, therefore, they should be allowed to call the tune. Investors will not be a party to the discussions but they can make it known to their brokers, insurance companies and anyone else who is prepared to listen that they want a simple and straightforward, regulatory system that has as a first priority honest dealing with

consumers. It would also be helpful if a single retail regulator set up under the new system had a proper name and not another mind-

boggling acronyma.

If the proposals go ahead, consumers will finally have more of a say, but until then they must wait on the sidelines and hope that the investment industry is as keen to regulate bad practices as the public is for them to be outlawed.

plain about the cost of protecting ... If investment managers and life



proposals or water them down so that they do not risk outside interference in the long-term, the only alternative will be an end to self-regulation. Investors want to have confidence in the companies they hand over their money to, and in the bodies that keep a check on them.

If they feel they are in cahoots, it is like suspecting that the police are keeping in check the amount of burglary being carried out on their patch rather than trying to

stop it altogether. Only the greedy who give the

companies manage to scupper the industry a bad name will be punished.

In bondage

nce again it was journalists who spotted the dubious practices of salesmen ahead of the regulators. The Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation, alerted to the way with-profits bonds were being sold as alternatives to building society accounts, has now acted.

The regulator is finding out just

salesmen are telling customers. When it has the details, Lautro may well decide that the information was not good enough and that compensation will have to be paid to people who have been misled.

Weekend Money first gave a warning about the selling of the bonds last August when it reported on the case of a widow who was advised to take all her savings out of a building society and put them into a bond. No mention had been made of the fact that she should regard it as a long-term investment or the return would be reduced. With such hard sell going on it

is not surprising that life com-panies have received £3 billion into their coffers as building society and bank savings rates have fallen. How many of the investors understand the product

remains to be seen. Some readers had been led to think they had locked in at guaranteed interest rates of 10 per cent and more. Since then, the rates have fallen.

Most investors are blissfully unaware that they have been sold the wrong product until they try to cash it in. So far, it is early days for that but next year is likely to see a growing number of dissatisfied bondholders. Those who complain are often made to feel they were in the wrong when they were persuaded to move their money. In most cases, it is the word of an inexpert customer against that of a trained salesman.

Lautro will have to dig deep to ensure that something approaching the truth is reached when deciding whether compensation is deserved. After all, some investors may be looking for an escape, even though they were sold the bonds properly. The regulator will need all the information it can get. Any home-made additions to the official marketing material should be submitted to the organisation to help in its research.

Low values stall house sales

Cautious surveyors are spoiling recovery hopes in the property market. Sara McConnell reports

THE threat of being sued by ors (RICS), which represents lenders and insurance companies is causing surveyors to

repossessed properties are ers put too high a price on claiming on indemnity insurance for the difference between the resale price and the mortgage, and turning for compensation to surveyors who valued properties

during the housing boom.

Many cases have been settled out of court and surveycautious val-

ues on prop-erties for fear The warning through on that they will sign for estate work done by valuers in 1988 and 1989 totalled be sued on the strength of the valuers just valuations can prevent sales going ahead for first-time say 'What's the sale price? buyers wanting to borrow 90 or 95 per

cent of the purchase price. Some builders claim that surveyors seem to be valuing automatically at a fixed

percentage below the price. If the seller is unable or unwilling to accept the valuation and reduce the price, the deal may fall through because the lender will not lend more than the price put on the

property by the valuer.
All buyers have to pay for a basic mortgage valuation of a property by the lender. This tells the lender that the property will be adequate security for the loan.

Low valuations are contributing to delays in the upturn of a housing market, which, it seems, will have to manage without much help from either a Conservative or a Labour government.

Neither party's Budget announced hoped-for measures to increase the amount of tax relief on mortgage interest payments, particularly for first-time buyers. There was also no cut in interest rates, which some lenders were

confidently predicting.
The trend towards lower valuations has increased steadily over the past two years since the end of the housing boom, says the Royal

Valuers are now nervous of downvalue properties and dashing any hopes of an imminent recovery in the housing market.

Lenders suffering losses on Lenders suffering losses on 1989, then claimed that value. properties. Claims on valuers pro-

negligence, have soared. RICS Insurance Services, which has about 50 per cent of the valuers professional ors are now putting very indemnity insurance market,

claims coming £1-7.5 million in 1990 compared with £6 million in 1989 relating to work done

in 1987-8. Claims in 1988, relating to work done in 1986-7 were just £2.5 million. There were 700 noti-fications, or allegations of negligence, in 1990. Jeremy Mortimer, RICS Insurance Services' managing director. said 90 per cent of these were claims relating to incorrect valuations. Very few cases

Mr Mortimer said: "Lenders are repossessing property and not selling it for anything near the valuation figure, but this doesn't necessarily mean the valuer was wrong in 1988-9. There was a lot of pressure on valuers; lenders were wanting to lend more, borrowers were wanting to borrow more and there was a lot of work done. Sometimes

safety checks went out of the window and lenders were happy to accept valuations done by valuers from outside Pamela Hirst, the RICS's director of standards and practice, said: "It is very difficult valuing in this market. When the market was

rising this masked the problem." First-time buyers and borrowers with little cash to put down as a deposit are being hardest hit by low valuations, estate agents say.

If they are pinning their partly responsible for this by



Surveying the scene: David Warnock, of John Payne, estate agents, values a property. Some companies, however, are being over-cautious

of the property and the seller refuses to lower the price, the buyer is unlikely to be able to

bridge the gap.

Tony Clark, general secretary of the National Association of Estate Agents, said: "Low valuations are a bit of a blight on the property market at the moment. A lot of sales are falling through. If you are looking at a 95 per cent mortgage, you could have a lot of problems."

Estate agents say they have sympathy with valuers but that they are concerned how many deals are being lost through low valuations. Dud-ley Gillham, sales director at John Payne, the independent London estate agent, said that properties were frequently being downvalued to between 5 and 10 per cent below the price agreed by the seller and the buyer. Mr Gillham said: "Valuers rarely talk to us at the office although they should ask us for comparable prices and also talk to other local agents. The warning sign for us is when they just say 'What's the sale

downvaluing of properties is not helping the housing market, but deny that they are

hopes on borrowing more alleging misvaluations and than 90 per cent of the value pushing nervous valuers to

David Gilchrist, general manager at the Halifax building society, the largest mortgage lender, said: "Valuers are being more cautious in the interests of buyers themselves. Lenders want to lend and we wouldn't put pressure on valuers."

The Abbey National, the second-largest lender, has written to all its surveyors assuring them that it would not take action against them for misvaluation unless the values were substantially out

John Cox, the Abbey's chief surveyor, said: "Down-valuations and overvaluations are equally damaging. We are anxious to do mortgage business and anxious that we shouldn't kill the housing recovery. We do get appeals and we worry about too cautious a valuation." The Nationwide said that

"a reasonable view by a reasonable valuer couldn't be the subject of a professional indemnity claim". However, John Hutchinson, Nationwide's retail operations direc-Lenders agree that tor, said that the society would "contemplate" lending 100 per cent of the value of a property if it had been valued at less than the agreed price.

Insult and injury in the numbers game

LAST September, Julie Fos- did all that: we were so dester and Stephen Smith had their offer of £45,995 accepted on a new two-bedroom semi-detached home in Wisbech, Cambridgshire. As first-time buyers, they had stretched themselves as far as they could, saving up £4,600 and applying for a mortgage of 90 per cent of the home's value. When they applied to the Alliance & Leicester for a mortgage, however, the valuer said the property was worth £44,000 (Sara McConnell writes).

This was adding insult to injury as far as Ms Foster and Mr Smith were concerned, as the Alliance & Leicester had already kept them waiting "well over a month", asking to see Mr Smith's accounts because he was self-employed, and asking them to ke out mortgage protection

Finally, the society insisted that they open an Alliance & Leicester savings account to invest their deposit, and gave them no access to it for ten days until the cheque had cleared. Ms Foster said: "We perate. Then they went and downvalued the house."

The couple's mortgage broker, Whitechurch Securities of Bristol, approached the Nationwide on their behalf. However in a matter of days, the Nationwide came back with a valuation of £44,500, still too low for Ms Foster and Mr Smith.

"We were already putting down as much as we could and we started thinking that there must be something wrong with the house," Ms Foster said.

There were further delays while Whitechurch Securities approached National & Provincial. Although the valuation was still lower than the agreed price, N&P offered the couple a 93 per cent mort-gage, which, coupled with their deposit, covered the cost and preserved their first-time

buyers' discount. The whole process took nearly four months. Ms Fos-ter and Mr Smith would also have had to pay three sets of valuation fees at £105 a time, had the developer of the prop-

erty not paid one set and Whitechurch Securities the other.

head would also have faced fees for two valuations if they had not had one set paid by the builder of their new twobedroom, end-of-terrace

The Bradford & Bingley building society valued the house at £40,000, a full £7,000 less than the £46,995 they had agreed to pay for it. The Whiteheads needed a 90 per cent mortgage and were in a position to move quickly, as Mr Whitehead was being relocated and their existing home was being sold by Blackhorse Agencies' relocation service.

It was not until the National & Provincial revalued the property at £46,995 that the Whiteheads could afford to move. Mrs Whitehead said: "We wouldn't have been able to afford to move if we had not got the new valua-tion. If it hadn't been a new property we would have had to pay two sets of valuation

Electing for fixed-rate loans

ment fee and redemption penalties of THOSE who chose fixed-rate mortgages

in the run-up to the last general election in 1987 are thousands of pounds better off if they had chosen to guarantee their mortgage rate for five years.

Over the period, the average mortgage rate has been 12.7 per cent, while there were five-year fixed-rate mortgages at 9.8 per cent available at the time of the election. This week, as lenders suggested that interest rates could rise if there were a change of government or prolonged political uncertainty. new fixed-rate loans were being offered.

The Halifax building society, the largest mortgage lender, has launched a five-year mortgage fixed until March 31, 1997. This is likely to see borrowers through until after the next election. The endowment, personal equity plan and pension mortgages are fixed at 10.8 per cent (an annual percentage rate of 11.6 per cent). This is slightly below its standard mortgage rate of 10.95 per cent but higher than discounted rates for large loans and first-time buyers.

On Tuesday, the Halifax withdrew its loans fixed until April 1995 at 10.4 per

cent (APR 11.5 per cent). The five-year fix has a £250 arrangeBY LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

up to five months' interest, depending on when the loan is paid up. After February 1994, borrowers will be able to transfer the fixed-rate loan to another-

The Woolwich building society has a five-year fixed-rate mortgage at 10.55 per cent (APR 11.8 per cent). Lapnched in January, the rate is available on endowment or pension loans. There is an application fee of £195 and early redemption penalties.

Barclays' five-year fixed-rate mortgages expire on March 31, 1997. These are at 10.6 per cent (11.2 per cent APR on endowment and pension loans and

11.3 per cent on repayment loans).
The bank has fixed-rate loans, also at 10.6 per cent, to the end of March 1995 and 1994. It is currently looking at a ten-year mortgage. The application fee of £150 on the loans is waived if the borrower takes out some form of Barclays insurance. The early redemption penalty on the three and two-year guaranteed loans is two months' intercet. In the first two years of the five-year fix the penalty is five months' interest. It then reduces to three months. Barclays said fixed-rate loans were very popular with 20,000 borrowers opting for them in the last 12 months.

National Westminster Bank is offering five-year loans at 10.65 per cent and ten-year fixes at 10.7 per cent. Firsttime buyers will not be charged the £300 arrangement fee. There is a threemonth interest redemption penalty on the five-year and six months on the ten-

The Birmingham Midshires building society has a loan which is fixed at 10.35 per cent until July 31, 1993, and then at 9.9 per cent until a year later. The APR is 11.4 per cent and the arrangement fee is £195. It is also offering a five-year fix at 10.45 per cent with an arrangement fee of £295. Nationwide closed its fixed-rate mortgage offer of 9.95 per cent for three years last week. It allocated £250 million in three weeks. Abbey National withdrew two of its fixed-rate mortgages last week. These were over three and five years at 10.55 per cent and 10.8 per cent. The fixed rate at 10.9 per cent until May 1999 is

still available. The bank yesterday

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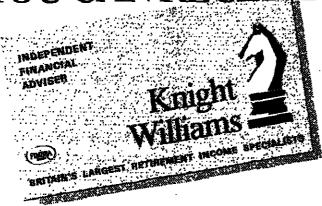
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Banks accused of sabotaging recovery with increased charges

Retailers threaten card boycott

SHOPPERS might have to throw away their plastic cards and dig out their old cheque books if a battle between retailers and banks over charges remains unresolved. Retailers say they might refuse to accept debit and credit cards if proposed increases in bank charges for servicing card transactions are not reduced to what they consider reasonable levels. Mike Wilsey, of the British

Retail Consortium, which represents 90 per cent of UK retailers, said: "Refusing to accept cards is the ultimate sanction. It is not one our members will undertake lightly but, if cards become prohibitively expensive and banks remain intransigent, it is a weapon that may have to be used. He added that cards were

more likely to be banned by big retailers, which had more clout. Dual pricing, with retailers charging more for items purchased with cards, was a less attractive option because it put retailers in the firing line, Mr Wilsey said. He denied that banning cards would put them in an equally uncomfortable pos-ition with their customers. Differential pricing would be a less efficient way of putting pressure on the banks, he

Barclays set the ball rolling last month by announcing that it was increasing charges for processing credit card transactions by an average of 8 per cent. Other clearers are

lead. Proposals to levy higher charges on debit cards are likely to vex retailers even more, however. The retail consortium claims debit card charges could double when annual agreements between retailers and banks come up

The Office of Fair Trading announced this week that it was conducting a preliminary enquiry into the question. Mr Wilsey said he was unwilling to halt his campaign while the OFT enquiry was going on. "Some of these increases are coming in on April 1," he said. Retailers argue that they

have already suffered so badly in the recession that higher card charges could inhibit recovery just when the first signs of upturn are emerging.

Banks say they have been hit hard, too. Liz Phillips, of the Credit Card Research Group, said: "Fees charged to retailers have fallen by up to one third over the past three years. The average fee is now 1.6 per cent." In that time, the amount going to acquir-ers — the bank departments servicing transactions - had fallen by £200 million. A spokesman for National

reviewing our own customer base with a view to increasing charges. We have been losing money over this for some time and we want to put the pricing structure on a more economic footing. Things just can't continue the way they

Ms Phillips added: "If charges stay at this level, all the acquirers who came into the market three years ago will simply pile out again. That means less competition. which will push fees higher in the end. In any case, we're

transaction. It's hardly extortionate, and it's a lot lower than retailers used to have to

She pointed out that retailers had shown themselves "exceedingly reluctant" to adopt dual pricing, which was a viable option for those who really could not afford

the new charges. Lloyds said there would be no need for equivalent increases in its own merchant service fees because its retail customers had always paid a sensible price. "We have never turned in the same losses as our competitors because we never got involved in the competitive pricing of the past few

The Midland said its fees were negotiated individually with each retailer. "I don't want to say any more because the whole thing is subject to an enquiry and evidence will have to be submitted to that." a spokesman said.

The popularity of debit cards has soared over the past vear. Figures released by Datamonitor, a market survey company, show that the number of cards issued by the two main systems, Switch and Visa Delta (Connect). grew in 1991 by more than 20 per cent to 23 million. The number and value of debit card transactions virtually

By contrast, credit cards in issue from high street banks fell by at least 3 million. Fear of debt and unwillingness to pay the new annual fees for only talking about an extra sons for their decline in popularity.

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Doubts raised over policing sale prices

By SHIRLEY DAVENPORT

PROPOSED new powers for trading standards officers to investigate whether sale prices are genuine may not be enough to curb unscrupulous traders, according to trading standards officials.

The new regulations, which have been suggested by Edward Leigh, the consumer, affairs minister, would allow trading standards officers to ask any retailer to justify a discount claim and support it by written records of previous

At present, a trading standards officer can make such a request only on the basis of reasonable doubt, perhaps after monitoring a trader's prices for up to six months. and the onus lies with trading standards to prove customers have been misled.

The trade department expects the draft regulations to be ready for consultation within the next few months. However, they will not insist that traders making price claims must keep records for inspection, only that they produce any written evidence

they have. Trading standards officers, who fear the recession encourages greater exploitation of consumers, say that the proposed regulations will take them no further

Roy Hill, chairman of the Prices Monitoring Committee, said: "It is an improvement on nothing at all. But we still have to prove a trader has committed an offencewhich means continuing to monitor their prices.

Trading standards officers have also pressed for more controls over the use of inflated "recommended retail prices" or "after-sale prices" but the trade department believes that existing controls are adequate. Keith Hale, senior execu-

tive for the Local Authorities Co-ordinating Body on Food and Trading Standards, said: "Shoppers are told they can make huge savings compared with an after-sale price later. The after-sale prices are hiked up for two or three days be-

motion. We are at an absolute loss to find any reason why traders should not be better regulated."

He added: "Basically, we

fore traders start another pro-

would like enforcement authorities to have the same powers as the Advertising Standards Authority, prohibiting anyone from making a claim which cannot be substantiated. The same duty should operate over prices in the high street. It seems iniquitous that people are allowed to continue inventing fictitious higher prices to make discounts appear more generous than they are."

The consumer affairs minister has also been asked to consider revising regulations affecting restaurant service rants may choose to impose a fixed cost per head, 10 per cent of the bill, or make it an optional gratuity.

The tourist industry would like one system to operate in a simplified form for the benefit of confused tourists.

Midland merger relief

planned merger between the Midland Bank and the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will have come as a relief to many of the Midland's customers (Liz Dolan writes). Letters to Weekend Money

over the past two years have indicated increasing concern among customers about the bank's deteriorating-finances. The collapse of other financial organisations, notably the Bank of Credit and Commerce International, have done nothing to im-

Such fears, though understandable, were unfounded. The Midland was never in any danger of a BCCI-style failure. Norrie Morrison, a banking analyst at Kleinwort Benson Securities, said: "A major bank like this never goes under. The worst that anyone was ever going to have to face was a rights issue, and that was a problem for the shareholders rather than the customers." The bank's 4 million cus-

tomers were likely to notice little difference in the way Midland was run if the HSBC merger went ahead, Mr Morrison added. "It is not like a building society, when members get cash up-front." The Midland name would be retained; the 1,840strong branch network would continue much as now; interest rates would be unaffected. The same is true for the 150,000 people buy-ing their homes with a Midland mortgage.

The bank said: "Customers should see no change. The only difference will be that they will be banking with the largest group in the UK, and the tenth biggest banking organisation in the world."
The Hongkong and Shang-hai was in a strong financial position, he added. Its reserves were not disclosed but the UK regulatory authori-ties were likely to require it to disclose them before a merg-

er was allowed. There is, however, speculation that Lloyds, or one of the other clearers, may come in with a rival offer. Lloyds was already being strongly tipped as a possible bidder for the Midland before the HSBC made its move. If such a bid observors doubt it would be allowed — customers would definitely notice changes, though not necessarily of fundamental importance to the day-to-day operation of their accounts. The most obvious would be the closure of

to each other. Continental banks have also been cited as possible bidders, as have companies that do not yet have a banking arm, such as BAT Industries, owners of Eagle Star, the insurance company. If any of these businesses made a successful offer for the Midland, other changes are likely to follow.

a number of branches where

both banks had outlets close

For now, any counterbid is still in the realms of speculation. Even Lloyds will make no comment on a possible merger. The HSBC offer is the only one on the table.
Until 1990, such a plan

was unlikely to have stood much of a chance of being approved by the UK authorities because the HSBC was based outside Britain. That was one of the reasons why the Bank of England blocked the Hong Kong bank's offer for the Royal Bank of Scoter, the HSBC set up a British-registered holding company, called HSBC Holdings. It is also expected to move its headquarters to London before the end of the

The relationship between the two banking groups goes back a number of years. In 1987, after the Hongkong and Shanghai had built up a 15 per cent holding in the British bank, they agreed on a three-year period of co-operation, during which the HSBC would leave its stake unaltered. The agreement culminated in merger talks 15 months ago, which broke down. This week's announcement of a possible £3.1 billion merger marks the rumption of these talks.

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Lautro warns life offices over bonds sales patter

By SARA MCCONNELL

LIFE offices have been told to review their marketing of with-profits bonds following widespread concern that they have been wrongly sold as short-term, secure alternatives to building society accounts. In some cases, these reviews will lead to compensation for investors.

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The latest enforcement bulletin from the Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation, the life companies' regulator, tells companies that they must review all their marketing material to make sure it does not give misleading information. They must send a "succinct report" on the review, along with up-to-date copies of marketing material, within 20 days of receiving the bulletin. This is the first time that Lautro has required its members to submit reports on their marketing literature.
About 20 life offices, in-

cluding the Prudential, Legal & General, Eagle Star and Sun Life, market these bonds. Since they started being sold in 1989, they have attracted £3 billion from investors. Investments in the bonds are put into funds that invest in a mixture of equities and fixed-interest stocks. But they also attract annual bonuses and a terminal bonus, sometimes from year one, and sometimes after five or ten years in the bond. These bonuses cannot be taken away once awarded, but the rate can be

cut in future vears. Lautro says it is particularly concerned that companies

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bond is unsuitable as a shortterm investment - indeed; sometimes promoting the bond in a way that draws attention to short-term bene-. fits". Salesmen are comparing with-profits bonds with building society accounts without pointing out that: bonds are a long-term investment and early surrender loses investors' money, Lautro

It also says that life companies and their salesmen are not always fully explaining the factors determining the bond's cash-in value and are not explaining the significance of the company's right to make a market value adjustment to reflect dramatic falls in the stock market.

Existing investors who were sold bonds under the impression that they were short-term investments or that bonuses were guaran-teed at current levels will be written to by life offices as early as next month. Some could be paid compensation. Mike Abrahams, Lautro's chief enforcement officer, said: "We would expect members to treat these cases as

complaints. In some cases,

there will be compensation.

In appropriate cases there will be full compensation with the capital invested returned Mr Abrahams said Lautro had been alerted to the prob-lem with with-profits bonds by journalists last September, and that some life offices had already started reviewing

their marketing literature. The Prudential, which has

attracted £450 million into



Some compensation: Mike Abrahams, of Lautro

with profits bonds, making it one of the biggest players in the with-profits bond market, has already had to pay £12,000 compensation to two investors who were sold bonds as a short-term

Tony Kempster, managing director of Prudential Hol-born the Prudential's broker division, said both investors were clients of an indepen-dent financial adviser who had sent out his own marketing literature for the bonds. Mr Kempster said: "The way in which the product was represented was too shortterm. With this sort of product you have to look at an investment of at least five years." The company has also reviewed the marketing material of two other advisers out

of 1.500. Mr Kempster said the com-pany had reviewed its marketing material in July and sent it all to Lautro at the end of last year, when the concerns about marketing material first surfaced.

Eagle Star is also confident that it is "taking a prudent and responsible view", but says it is considering writing to all investors who bought bonds directly from the company. Chris Bagguley, Eagle Star's marketing manager, individual business, said: "The whole issue is blowing up because of possible poor

sales practices rather than on unitised with profits bonds as

a product." Large sales of with-profits bonds have stretched life office reserves to their utmost at a time when investment reserves from assets are suffering from falls in the stock market. Concern is grow in some quarters that life of-fices are promising higher bonuses than their reserves

can deliver. Whitechurch Securities, the independent intermediary, gave a warning this week that investors should look at the strength of life company reserves as well as the level of bonus being offered. Bonuses have fallen this year by around 0.5 per cent and investors should be aware that companies with weaker reserves could be forced to cut bonuses further.

Offices have to hold sufficient reserves to cover bonuses already promised on with-profits policies and one office, Norwich Union, has already been forced almost to withdraw from the market because of the strain on its

Sun Life sold £500 million of with-profits bonds last year, and so far this year has sold £150 million. However, last December, Sun Life announced that it would limit sales of with-profits bonds in 1992 to £300 million.

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competing enterprise zone trusts are now poised to mop up business that would have gone to O&Y.

Alistair Altham, a director of Laser Richmount, said the-company's phones would be manned throughout each of the remaining weekends be-fore the end of the tax year. Investors can receive tax relief at their highest marginal rate on the whole of an

investment in an enterprise zone trust. Proposals to extend the scheme to include buildings

already in use for up to two years, failed to be included in the Finance Act, passed on March 13.

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ONLY the power-crazed and yers would say that they can the intensely practical enjoy making wills. For the majority, they are unwelcome reminders of mortality, to be postponed for as long as possible. They are also vital for people who have more than a toothbrush to leave to relatives, charities, pets or other favoured recipients.

A number of self-help guides are now available and last year was designated Make a Will Year. Yet, despite a wealth of publicity and information, seven out of ten adults still die intestate.

Wills and Probate, the Which? consumer guide, gives a warning that laws governing the way in which property is divided after death are strict and difficult to circumvent.

For instance, if the person who dies has not stated that his or her estate should go to the surviving spouse, sums of more than £75,000 have to be divided equally between spouse and children.

Where there are no children, parents, brothers and sisters of the deceased are entitled to half of anything above £125,000. Unmarried people, even where a couple have lived together for a number of years, are more

There is no legal require-ment that a will should be drawn up or witnessed by a solicitor. In many cases, a

lawyer is not necessary.

However, the Consumers' Association says: "The one thing worse than not making a will at all is making a mess of making a will: Many law-

make more money out of poor home-made wills that they do out of drawing up wills.

Solicitors usually charge between £30 and £100 to prepare a will. Complex provisions or complicated tax planning would cost more than a

simple property transfer. Legal aid is sometimes av ailable to single parents or the

For less complex cases, home-made wills are adequate. WH Smith has produced an information pack costing £3.99 to help people make their own wills. Written by the district probate regis-trar for Winchester, it contains two forms with examples of how to fill them in. Advice on appointing executors, signing and witnessing the document is also

The Law Society has also published seven advice sheets. Categories include married and unmarried couples, homeowners, grandparents and divorced people. The society points out that, in the absence of a named executor. the nearest relative will be given the task of winding up the deceased's affiairs.

Stepchildren are another important consideration. If not specifically mentioned in the will, they cannot inherit

Marlene Garsia's How to write a will and gain probate has just been reissued by Kogan Page, the publisher. However, the book still refers to the £140,000 ceiling for inheritance tax, which was changed in the Budget.

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Concerned to protect: Sir Kenneth Clucas

INVESTORS should be given more say in a simpler regulatory system for brokers and insurance company tions published by the Securities and Investments Board this week go ahead. However. investment companies could scupper the proposals.

The changes are called for in the report of Sir Kenneth Chucas, who was asked by SIB last October to look into the feasibility of a new self-regulatory organisation. His conclusion is that virtually all investment by individuals should be regulated by one body. Currently, four self-reg-ulatory organisations deal with investment companies which sell directly to the public. SIB also directly regulates about 100 companies, and the Insurance Brokers' Regis-tration Council is responsible for 1,600 brokers.

Godfrey Jillings, chief executive of the Financial Intermediaries, Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association, said the proposed organisation would protect investors: "It will mean speedier payouts of compensation, will avoid duplication and simpli-fy the complaints and arbitraprocedures for

Investors are frequently passed from regulator to regLindsay Cook looks at proposals for a shake-up of self-regulation

in the investment industry

ulator who in turn disclaim responsibility for their problems. In the case of home income plans, a one-stop complaints procedure was set up because of this willingness to pass the buck.

The Retail Regulation Re-

view says that all the activities regulated by the Life Assur-ance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation (Lautro) and Fimbra should be dealt with by a new self-regulatory organisation. In addition, about 30 per cent of the investment business regulated by the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation, and a small part of the business of the Securities and Futures Authority should be controlled by the new organisation. The report also suggests that legislation should be considered to withdraw recognition from the Insurance Brokers Regis-tration Council, and that direct regulation of companies

Sir Kenneth said that his

by the SIB should be

first concern was the protection of investors and the desirability of distinguishing between professional and private investors. That should also mean an end to the cosy club atmosphere of some of

the SROs The chairman of the new body should be from outside the industry, Sir Kenneth said, and its board should not be controlled by brokers or life companies. It should include public interest members who should, in combination with either the product providers or the independent practitioners, be able to constitute a majority. A consumer panel should also keep it in

The report recommends that the new body should be set up by the end of the year and should initially shadow the existing SROs, and operate fully from April next year. It will, however, need the

essing of the members of the current self-regulatory organisations. Fimbra weicomes the report — having

been bailed out twice by the life companies, it needs to know that it has funding for the compensation bills that

will need to be paid next year. Mr Jillings said that the rush to implement the Financial Services Act before the last election meant that due consideration had not been given to all aspects of regulation. If the new body went ahead, it would prevent fraudsters and poor operators moving from one regulator to

Three quarters of Lautro's members would have to support its replacement by the new organisation for it to go ahead. Kit Jebens, chief executive of Lautro, said cautiously: "It seems to us, from an investor protection point of view, a good idea. It is up to the membership whether it goes ahead." John Morgan, chief executive of Imro, said: The board of Imro would not welcome any signs that the scope of Imro should be narrowed." He added: "The people paying out the money will call the tune."

The Association of British Insurers said it would seek to ensure that care was taken to build on the features of the current regime that were working well and that the proposals did not add unnec-

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Pensions in the melting pot

LABOUR'S announcement in its shadow Budget this week that it will immediately withdraw the 2 per cent incentive for opting out of the state pension scheme will cut by between five and seven years the age at which employees should opt back into the state scheme.

Mercer Fraser, the actuary. calculates that men aged between 46 and 47 and women aged 39 should opt back into the state scheme if the only incentive to contract out is the 4.8 per cent rebate set last month by the government ac-tuary to be paid from April

If the Conservatives are returned to power, those over 30 oping out of the state scheme after April 1993 would receive the 1 per cent incentive announced last month. This would cut by half the 2 per cent rebate offered in the last five years to every-

one contracting out.
Under Conservative plans,
men would benefit from staying out of the state scheme until they were 51, while women should not opt back in until they are 43. Mercer

Labour said yesterday that legislating to remove the 2 per cent incentive would be a



high priority if it had a majority at the next general election. The removal would not be backdated but would take place in the 1992-3 tax year.

Legai & General calculates that a Labour win would mean men contracting back into the state scheme when they are 40 instead of 45 and

women opting back when they are 35 instead of 40. Age levels vary, but the five to seven-year interval remains fairly constant.

the state scheme have cost the national insurance fund £9 Noble Lowndes, the actubillion in rebates between ary, said that although every-1988 and 1993, the National Audit Office has said. This one's calcuations differed, the will only be partly offset by a ages of 40 to 50 were "critical £3 billion saving in Serps for deciding whether to opt

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Conservative initiatives to en-

courage people to opt out of

contracting out rebate for the first five years of the scheme was set at 5.8 per cent, with an extra 2 per cent bonus for the first five years.

At the moment, rebates for opting out are based on weekly earnings between £54 and £405. The £405 a week ceiling for Serps rebates would remain under a Labour administration although one of the central planks of Labour's economic strategy is to remove the ceiling on national insurance contributions.

Personal pensions set up to receive contracted-out Serps rebates are likely to be less attractive, whoever gets into power. Colin Evans. senior consultant at Mercer Fraser, said: "The only reason that most of these pensions were set up in the first place was because of the 2 per cent incentive. It is doubtful whether young people will find it attractive enough to contract out if they only have the 4.8 per cent rebate to put

He added that the expense of setting up personal pen-sions would offset any advantage gained by investing the rebate. Even the 1 per cent incentive planned by the Conservatives would make them less tempting than they had



Sun block: Anglers can buy policies that compensate them for dry weather

Casting for cover

Anne Caborn reels in a few pointers to the

insurance needs of recreational fishermen

FISHERMEN'S tales of lost and damaged property can stretch the belief of insurance companies. Angela Houghton, managing director of Leisure Angling, a Liverpool holiday firm, says it is surprising how many fishermen who fall into the water seem to be clutching an expensive cam-

stepped on their carbon fibre

era or radio, "or a cow has

and waterlogged thighlength waders get a sympathetic ear and a word of advice. "I tell them they should have their valuables covered under their home contents policy." Travel policies do not provide sufficient cover for rods, which can cost more than £500.

Leisure Angling does offer a travel insurance policy, but there is a £200 limit on loss or damage to valuables. This is common to many policies. It also has a £25 excess, and the exclusions include "waterborne craft and all their equipment, fittings, tools and

Bob Brownless, owner of Bobsport in Edinburgh, said valuables being lost in the water was not the most common problem. "What you've got to watch out for is theft. It's more of a problem near the cities, and these days we use ski boxes ciamped to the roof of the car. We also tell fishermen to take equipment into their hotels with them at

According to the claims de-partment of Norwich Union, valuables lost when people fall in the water while mooring is another source of claims. "There are also characters who row up and down rivers snatching rods from boats and river banks while their owners are in the pub." said a spokesman.

Insurers take a dim view of losses resulting from items being left unattended. Apart from the low value limit on typical travel insurance, the all-risks section of a home contents policy will generally provide better protection. "If the item stolen from a

locked car was covered under i-risks section of your home contents policy, most insurers would cover it, provided you have taken reasonable care," said a spokeswoman for the Association of British Insurers.

"The more you can do the better, even if it's just covering the item with a blanket. If you can lock it in the boot, so much the better.'

Fishing holidays do not require a special type of travel insurance policy, although it is always worth confirming

this with a household insurer. Both Barclays and Norwich Union, major providers of free-standing travel insurance, said they would cover a fishing trip under their standard policies.

But for some aficionados of piscatorial pursuits, simple travel insurance may not be enough. Eagle Star, which has been offering pluvius, or adverse weather, insurance since 1920, offers one policy that only a fisherman - or a

fish -- could want. Its Piscatorial Pluvius Policy was designed specifically for fishermen in Scotland who wanted to insure against a shortage of rainfall, which in turn could lead to low river levels and an absence of salmon or trout

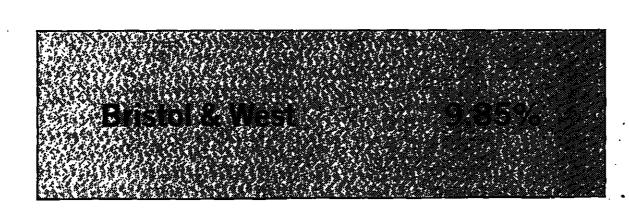
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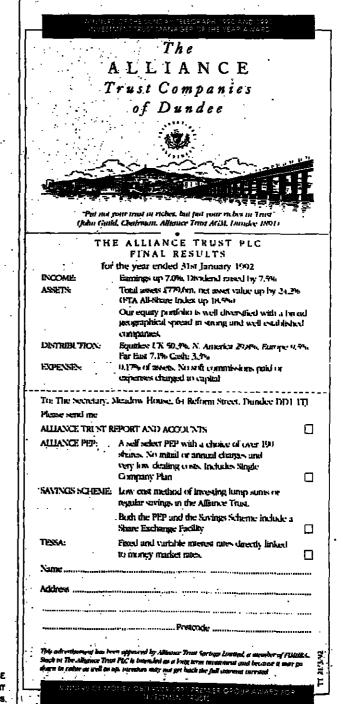
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ELECTION 92

Money manifestly a central issue

THE election manifestos published this week show how important personal finances are going to be during and after the political cam-paigning. While Britain's 30 million taxpayers should by now be clear on what effect the Conservative and Labour Budgets will have on their wage slips and pensions, other policies may still be less

The Conservative party says in its manifesto that inheritance tax is inequitable and that during the new parliament it will raise the threshold so that the homes and savings of an increasing number of people can pass unencumbered from one generation to another.

It also wants to reform the taxation of savings in the same way as it has introduced tax-free personal equity plans and tax-exempt special savings accounts.

Stamp duty will be abolished for share transactions, and further privatisations are planned for British Coal, local authority bus companies and parts of British

The Conservatives promise to maintain mortgage tax re-lief, continue the right to buy for council tenants and introduce a nationwide rents to mortgages scheme. A time limit will be put on the time it takes local authorities to complete property searches for people buying houses.

They also plan legislation to give leaseholders living in flats the right to acquire the freehold and will extend the right to buy the freehold to the tenants of higher-rated houses. A rent-a-room scheme will make it easier for

people to take lodgers. The assisted places scheme which subsidises education at independent schools for low income families will continue under the Conservatives.

Labour will continue mortgage tax relief at the current rate for existing borrowers. It also plans to "seek new arrangements to enable firstbuyers to concentrate relief in the early years". Housing log books to enable buyers to know what work Lindsay Cook 🔐

examines the personal finance

implications of the party manifestos



Norman Lamont (Con): inheritance reform

has been undertaken and what previous surveyors found will be introduced, and anti-gazumping measures are proposed for when the housing market picks up. The right to buy for council ten-

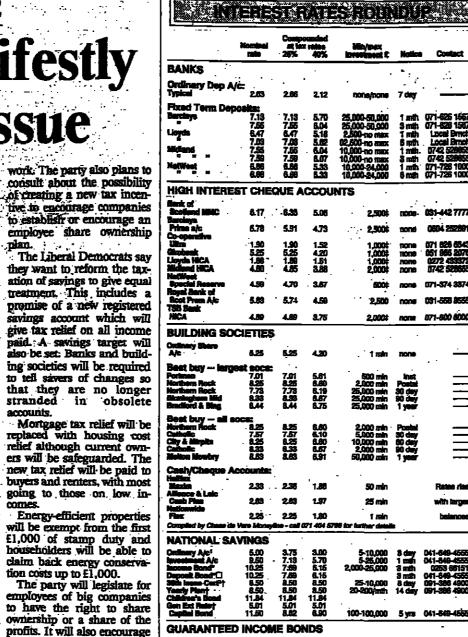
ants will be continued. Childcare provided by employers will be exempted from tax. Child benefit will be increased to £9.95 for each

There will be a flexible decade of retirement between 60 and 70, allowing men and women to retire on a full pension from the age of 60. Labour plans to extend the

state earnings-related pension scheme to the self-employed. Personal pension plans will have to guarantee a minimum pension before they can contract out of the state scheme.

Company pension funds will belong to their members not to employers. Half of the trustees will be employees.

Share ownership schemes will give employees the right to own a significant stake in the company for which they,



Childcare vouchers paid by employees to parents of child-

ren under five will be tax-free

for parents and tax-deductible for employers. They will also be available on the same

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earning £33,000 will pay tax

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those earning over £50,000 of

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phase out the assisted places

scheme and review the chari-

table status of independent

The Green Party plans to

set up community banks and

to restrict the lending of com-

mercial banks. It will tax pol-

lution and the use of non-

renewable resources.

The Liberal Democrats will

at 50 per cent.

John Smith (Labour): flexible retirement



Alan Beith (Lib Dem): savings target

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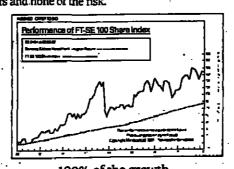
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Bank closed account over debit indemnity inconvenience

From Mr Graham Dragon Sir, Recent editorial comment suggested junior staff in the banks need more training if the current direct debit campaign is to be successful. Readers may be interested in my own experience.

A senior manager at my local Barclays branch denied the existence of an indemnity arrangement when I recently asked him to invoke it to recover a debit made in error to my account. He told me debits made in error but under a valid direct debit mandate were the customer's problem, and nothing to do with the bank. On my insistence, he contacted the company concerned, was advised of the indemnity, and was able to obtain the refund

without any trouble. The same manager has now made me close my account with Barclays on the grounds that the bank does not wish to suffer a similar inconvenience again. His decision has been upheld at a

regional and national level. I wonder how many other readers have been penalised by their banks for pursuing remedies guaranteed under the very direct debit system we are all being encouraged

Yours faithfully, GRAHAM A. DRAGON, 57 Winnali Manor Road, Winchester.

From P.H. Havelock Sir, The banks are taking a lot of stick, but I really think that D.J. Owen (February 29) is expecting too much. How can Barclaycard possibly set

up a direct debit for Visa and Mastercard accounts, which will vary monthly, bearing in mind that the debitor is obliged to give the payer prior notice of any change in the debit charge?

When I was going overseas in 1984, I arranged for Barclaycard to send my accounts direct to the bank and authorised them to pay on demand. On my return they were happy to continue this arrangement and it has worked satisfactorily ever

This is as good as a direct debit, but of course the obligation is on me to obtain redress for any incorrect

Yours faithfully P.H. HAVELOCK, 47 Jubilee Close, Herefordshire.

From Mr John Perkins

Sir, With many articles about treatment of customers by our banks, it is about time due praise was given to First Direct, which must be the best deal available for the vast majority of us who require the normal banking facilities.

I have been a First Direct customer for over two years and have been more than delighted with the excellent facilities available for just the cost of a local phone call. You deal with friendly, helpful people (not a

as with computer, Nationwide whom previously banked with), and can pay bills, obtain balances, transfer monies to other accounts, and obtain

Don't come back here with your indirect problems.



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I am amazed when reading recent articles regarding banking that little is said about this excellent bank, which must be the best-kept secret. All normal bank users please note.

To reassure you of my intentions. I have no connection whatsoever with First Direct, except that of being a very satisfied

Yours sincerely, JOHN W.E. PERKINS, Honeysuckle Cottage, Woodcote Lane. Leek Wootton. Warwick.

From Mrs F.E. Monaghan Sir. Here is some good news about a building society! In September 1985, my two children opened an ac-

count with the Bradford & Bingley building society in the Portobello Branch, near Edinburgh. The accounts were opened with £1 and in exchange my children received a sports bag and a T-

What's more - each year since 1985 they have received a birthday card from the

Bradford & Bingley and there is still just £1 in their

Yours faithfully MRS FRANCES E. MONAGHAN. 1 Park Court, Musselburgh, Lothian.

From Mr David Shamash

Sir. For months you have published letters and run artides describing how dealing with the high street banks is so difficult, as they are just not interested in hearing what their customers want. Finally you have succeeded in getting a response from Bardays Bank's Personal Sector Marketing Director, Mr John Cheese (letters March 14). Sounds like the sort of man who would be eager to hear from customers and respond to their needs, does he not? Well, not exactly — to quote his own words: "It is unusual for me to be sufficiently moved to respond to such

Yes, Mr Cheese, that is what everyone has been complaining about

Yours faithfully, DAVID SHAMASH, 34 Floral Street.

A question of title

From Prof. R.M.S. Wilson Sir, Mr St Pier's experience (March 7) strikes a chord. In 1990 Barclaycard advised me that it was not possible for my title to be embossed on a Mastercard "for security reasons" despite there being no such inhibition in the case of

my Barclaycard It is a basic courtesy to use one's appropriate title. Why do some issuers of cards

Yours sincerely. PROF. R. M.S. WILSON, Standfield House. 264 Fulwood Road, Sheffield, South Yorkshire.

From Mr F. L. Aburrow Sir, Mr Gavin A. St Pier is not quite correct in his assumption (March 7). The Royal Bank of Scotland, Reading branch, prints my cheques "F.L. Aburrow Esq"

as a matter of course. When I worked in London I banked with Coutts & Co. who did the same.

Yours very truly. F. L. ABURROW. Hipswell House, 50 Western Elms Avenue, Reading.

Keep it simple

From B.R. Taplin Sir, I always read your letters and marvel at the unnecessar- \$ ily complicated lives of your correspondents.

Weekly I read about PIN numbers, automatic cash dispensers, charge cards and credit cards. And some people actually spend money telephoning their Inland Revenue offices — amazing.

I use folding money and a few cheques and have none of the things listed above. If the tax tyrants want me they write or telephone. Yours faithfully. B.R. TAPLIN. Valley View,

Seaton,

Devon.

☐ Letters are welcomed, but The Times regrets it cannot give individual replies or advice. No legal responsibility can be accepted for advice or statements in these columns and independent professional advice should be sought.

The creeping costs of keeping in touch umpteen choruses of a re-

From J. Collins

Sir, I sympathise with Mr Schuster (Weekend Money Letters, March 7) in having to incur expense on protracted long-distance telephone calls to the Inland Revenue. I understand that at one time the Revenue had some 0345 numbers whereby one could phone long-distance at the cost of a local call, but perhaps this government has dis-continued those lines in the

interests of false economy. However, when one phones any large office, whether public or private, one usually has to wait a very long time to be connected to the relevant department. The only difference for private offices is that one is

sometimes entertained by

From Mr Harry Cemach

with several is welcome.

Sir, The news (March 7) that individual taxpayers will in

future be able to deal with one

Revenue office rather than

Could the Revenue not take

the good idea further and,

notwithstanding separate

Let spouses use the same tax office

corded popular tune while waiting to be switched from department to department.

As regards return postage this government has gradual ly phased out "OHMS" free postage in all departments, without publicity. When one is required by law to complete an income tax return, one is now expected to pay the postage. Even worse, an unemployed person in a rural area now has to pay 24p postage in order to claim his meagre

taxation, allow a husband and wife to deal with the same

office. I would raise no objection if it were to be the

Yours faithfully.

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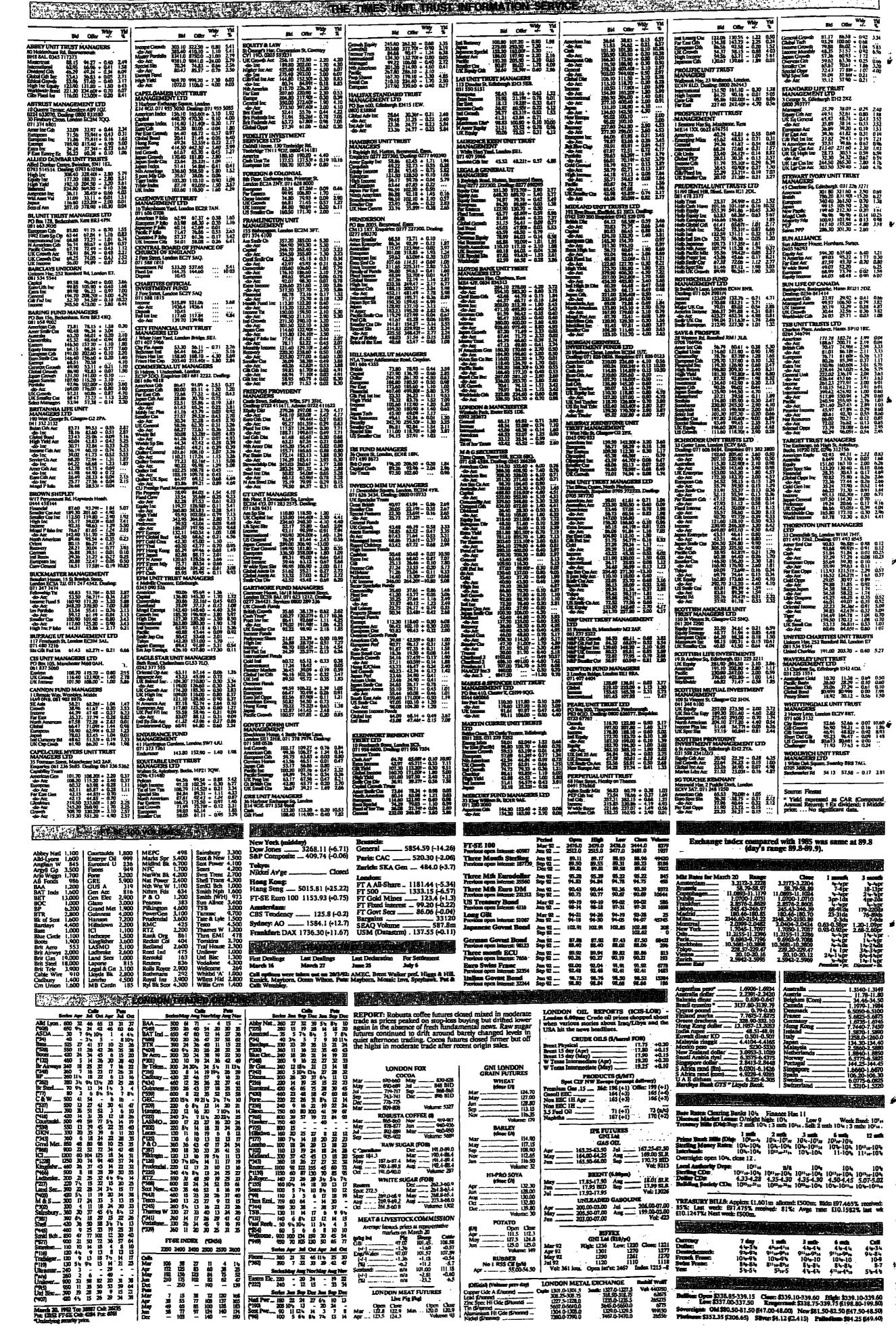
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AMERICAN FOOTBALL

With the prize gone there is still plenty to reach for as rugby union's five nations' championship closes

Scotland set their own goals

By Gerald Davies

W MARCH

WITH England having tak-en the valuable swag a fortnight ago, there is a marked tendency to dismiss this afternoon's match between Wales and Scotland at Cardiff Arms Park as of no real consequence. There are no more prizes left to take. But, as lan McGeechan, the Scotland coach, says, there are always things to play for in interna-

"Each match," he says, "is a contest in itself. There are different values to be aimed at, different goals to go for, depending on the stage of a team's development. It is different for us this year, say,

compared to last year.

"For example, because of a number of factors, I have a new collection of players at my disposal now and my objectives have to change ac-cordingly. It is not possible to play the same type of game when you have players of different abilities. My approach changes, so does that of the

After the World Cup, because of retirements and injuries, he has been forced into a period of rebuilding but finds that Scotland have performed with a degree of success that he might not have thought possible when the championship began. The loss of Jeffrey and Calder was, inevitably, a blow, but the absence through injury of the increasingly influential Gary Armstrong at scrum half — "a player of genuine world class", he adds — further dented his hopes. Even so, his team has made consid-

But for an indifferent performance," he said, "for a period of 40 minutes against England, we could have by now been challenging for a grand slam ourselves tomorrow. There is still confidence in the team."

In adversity, too, he has found an immensely capable scrum half in Andy Nicol and

Wales

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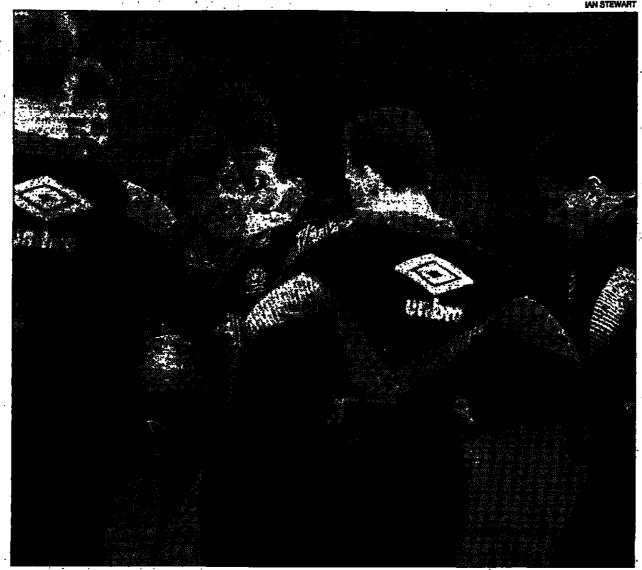
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Man in the middle: McGeechan, with the Scotland team yesterday, is looking to continue rebuilding

the continuing improvement of Dodie Weir and Neil Edwards, at lock, are additional positive points. Weir. who. Scotland seemed to be "carrying" last season, has developed substantially from his experiences in the World has been able to retain stability without taking any significant steps backwards. With two victories, his rebuilding

Scotland

A G Hastings

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A D Nicol

(Dundee HSFP)

D M B Sole*

(Heriot's FP)

(London Scottish)

N G B Edwards

A P Burnell

D J McIvor

G W Weir

(Metrose) I R Smith

D B White

K S Milne

Scrum half

Prop

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Cup. McGeechan, therefore remains on course.

Alan Davies, the Wales coach, with only one success, against the hapless Irish, may not, on the surface, be so certain of the development occurring within his team. With so much more to do his nation's rugby had taken the severe battering with consequent loss of morale - his success is less tangible. His team's spirit is improving, the players happier under his

But he is aware that Wales's critical mass of supporters want victories. It is a slow earning process, where patience is required. The lineout nowadays is more profitable, the scrum steadier and the defence - something he sets much store by and was pleased with against England

are: can they start scoring some points? Can they begin to start winning at home? The Weish team shows three changes, and one positional, from that failed to score at Twickenham. Roger Bidgood wins his first cap to shore up the defence and provide some much-needed thrust in midfield, Emyr Lew-is returns to the flank and

Huw Williams-Jones wins his sixth cap at tight-head prop. Neil Jenkins is restored to his accustomed position at standoff half and must demonstrate that he can control and vary the tactics in the way Colin Stephens may have failed to do. Robert Jones, at scrum half, must give him

Scotland show only one change from the team that beat France. Ian Smith, of Gioucester, replaces Rob Wainright on the side of the scrum. If there are no prizes, both sides have a great deal to play for. Scotland will want to feel optimistic for their optimistic for their impending tour of Australia and Wales to feel confident that, perhaps, there are further signs that their period of

Pride will provide motivation at Parc des Princes

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

quarters, and now McAleese gets an unempected chance at

the age of 27. He has nothing

to lose, nor has his team, by

trying to carry the game to

the French and at least allevi-

ating some gloom before the

departure in May for that

most daunting of tasks — a

Selia and Mesnel, the

French centres, have, be-

tween them, more caps than

the entire Irish side, but it is

not in midfield where I reland

will hope to impose them-

selves. It is at forward, where

the introduction of Paul Ho-

gan at flanker may add some-

thing of the spirit which has

carried Garryowen to the All-

Suddenly an entirely new

vista has opened for Hogan,

aged 23, who works in the

family garage business in Limerick. A spanner in the works of the French will

present a convincing case for

a tour overseas and, if he and

Robinson can keep Hueber

under guard, then the French

backs will not have the free-

dom to run in the Parc's wide

open spaces.
"So far, each of our games

has produced something pos-

itive," Sella, the French cap-

tain, said. "We must now try

The French have been

bringing it together in Paris

for more years than their

guests care to remember. Ire-

Parc and have not succeeded

in the French capital since

there was by Freddie McLen-

nan in 1980, when they lost

19-18, and even if the French

are in crisis, they should still

be able to complete an Irish

whitewash, a fate they have

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D M Curtis

P P A Danaher

S P Geoghegan

D R McAleese

L F P Aheme

N J Popplewel

S J Smith

G F Halpin

P Hogan

B J Rigney

M J Galwey

M J Fitzgibbon

B F Robinson

(London trish)

Right centre

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not suffered since 1986.

The last try Ireland scored

land have never won at the

to bring it all together."

Ireland League title.

tour of New Zealand.

THE five nations' championship may be decided but it is not yet done - far from it if nothing more, there is pride to play for, nowhere more than at the Parc des Princes today where France, more accustomed to the haut than the bas of the championship, meet an Irish side desperate to retrieve something from a disastrous season.

France have done much the ame as Wales this season, for similar reasons. From the administrative chaos that followed the World Cup five short months ago. Pierre Berbizier has chosen a squad and stuck faithfully to it, save where expulsions obliged him to go outside. That it appears, from this side of the Channel, to be a squad of distinct limitations may mean only that French dub rugby is not going through a vintage per-

The French are as prey to crises of confidence as anybody else. Certainly, Irish confidence has bolted downhill this season, unreasonably so because one game — the World Cup quarter-final defeat by Australia - elevated expectation beyond the merit of the side itself.

None the less, a tolerably effective spine remains to the Irish XV. Few have worked harder than Steve Smith, Robinson and Aherne and the return of Murphy at full back has not harmed them. But it is the pivotal stand-off half position that has created such a sustained furore - the departure of Brian Smith to rugby league a season ago may have pleased some people but it left a yawning

Keyes filled it during the World Cup, without ever getting the best out of his three-

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J-L Sadourny

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London begin defence

By Richard Wetherell

of title

EVEN for an organisation brought to fruition during a recession, the turnover in the World League of American Football (WLAF) is startling.
Two presidents have come and gone, a franchise lost all ten games and folded, two teams had to find new head coaches and one has moved to another stadium.

The second season kicks off in Barcelona tonight and there is still much uncertainty in the air. Last year, nobody knew what to expect. This year, targets have been set but once again what the actual product will be like is unknown. A large influx of new players, especially much-needed quarterbacks, makes predicting outcomes a hazardous business.

The London Monarchs de-fend their title won last June with a new head coach, Ray Willsey, and three new assis-tant coaches. Fewer than half of that side will play New York-New Jersey Knights tomorrow at Wembley and the suspension for the season of Jon Horton, a mainstay last year, hardly improves mat-ters. Horton, who had been one of the league's leading receivers, was banned in midweek for an undisclosed

Horton, aged 27, from Tuc son, led the WLAF in reception yardage last year with 931, an average of 21.7 yards touchdown catches and was voted to the WLAF's All-World team.

The goals for 1992 have been clearly stated by Joe Bailey, the league's chief operating officer, in the manner of a skyscraper builder everything must go up. That means attendances, television ratings and corporate sponsors need to be increa-

Attracting higher atten-dances could prove a problem. Europe startled the league and flipped the projection of a 15,000 average here and 25,000 in the Uni-ted States upside down. If Barcelona, Frankfurt and London do well again, the crowds will turn up, but that will affect the American fig ures. If the opposite occurs, will Europeans flock to watch losing teams?

Tomorrow's game is already the fourth meeting b tween the Knights and the Monarchs and a crowd of 30,000-plus is expected. London won the previous three, with varying degrees of difficulty, and the intense and instant rivalry that has developed means there will be another bruising encoun-

New York's potent offense has been improved and always caused problems for the Monarchs and London have Stan Gelbaugh, the World League's most valuable play-er in 1991, returning at quarterback.

MONARCHS FIXTURES: Tor MONANCHS PORTURIES Tomorrow.
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Secramento Surge (h), May 3: New York-New Jersey Krights (a), May 9: Oriendo
Thunder (a), May 17: Montree Machine (a),
May 23: Frankfurt Galassy (a).

Harlequins lose benefit

By DAVID HANDS

SIX first division clubs take the opportunity to catch up with lost time today while the international spotlight is switched away from England: not that Harlequins have been so materially assisted in their rearranged match against Saracens at the Stoop Memorial ground, since they have only Halliday and Winterbottom of their internationals available. Saracens, who beat Harle-

quins in January, seek to confirm their position as London's leading league club. They will be without Adamson, who misses his REPLACEMENTS: 16 D A Stark (Ayr), 17 A G Shiel (Melross), 18 G H Other (Hawlob), 19 R I Walnwright (Edinburgh Academicals), 29 P M Jones (Gloucaster), first competitive match of the season with an arm injury: Domoni plays at lock instead.

wall adjusting their side for Rosslyn Park, still without a today's county championship league win, introduce Grifsemi-final against Yorkshire. fiths to the wing and move Davison to No. 8 for their Andrew, the Redruth hooker, comes in and Williams, the game at Leicester. Davison, flanker, takes over the capreplacing the injured Brooks, taincy. In the other semiwill oppose Richards, of Engfinal Lancachire have land, who is fit once more, but brought in Bibby at lock for Leicester bring in Richardson the injured Cusani against at prop for Garforth, who has Hampshire.

a hand injury.

Bath should sustain their pressure on the leading two clubs, Orrell and Northampton, by winning at Rugby, though they will be without two forwards, Clarke and Chilcott, and Webb, too, unless the England full back can adjust his work schedule. Dawe's decision to give

Bath preference has left Corn-

tralian captain, has reversed an earlier decision regarding his availability for international rugby this year. David Campese, the Australian wing, has damaged a knee while training with Milan and is likely to miss the Hong Kong seven-a-side tournament on April 4 to 5.

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Referee: F Burger (South Africa) REPLACEMENTS: 15 J-B Latond (Pacing Club), 17 P Montieur (Agen), 18 F Gasthia (Colomiers), 19 S Conchy (Bègles), 20 P Gimbart (Bégles), 21 A van Heerden

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Ayr v Kilmamock. Dundee v Raith......Fortar v Montrose...... Meadowbank v Stirling... Second division

Albion v Queen's Park. Brechin v East Fife.....

FA VASE: Semi-finals, first leg: Bember Bridge v Wirnborne; Guiseley v Sudbury, DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury v Behop's Stortford; Bognor Regis v Degenham; Chesham v Bromley; Enfield v Basingstoke; Harnow v Wolding; Hayse v Wivenhoa; Handon v Kingstorien; Marlow v Statese, St. Albans v Greys; Sutton United v Windser and Elon; Woldingham v Carshatton. First division: Aveley v Dorlding; Barding v Wambley; Challent St. Petar v Leyton-Wingste; Hartow v Croydon; Heybridge Swifts v Unbridge; Hitchin v Yeading; Molessy v Malderhaud; Stevensge v Whytelesis; Toobno and Mitcham v Boreham Wood; Hartiew V Corpoon; resyntating James V Libridge; Hinchin v Yeading; Molassy v Malderinead; Stevenage v Whytelessie; Tooting and Mitcham v Boeniam! Wood: Walton and Hersham v Abingdon Town. Second division: Bartien v Homel Hempstead; Harefield v Meiden Vele; Hungerford v Ruskip Manor, Leatherhead v Egham; Lewes v Banatead; Newbury v Southwick; Purlicet v Bitericary; Saffron Walden v Metropolitan. Police: Ware v Reinham; Witham v Berithamsteid; Worthing v Southal. Third division: Brackened v Chertsey; Camberley v Kingabury; Collier Row v Flackwell Health, Cove v Epsont and Ewel; Edgward v Hamplon; Feitham and Hounslow B v Horstess; Petersfield v Eastbourne United; Thame v Heyston; Tiboury v Hornchurch; Tring v Herribord.

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BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Prenter division: Beethey v Worcester; Chelmedrd v Dorchester; Crawley v Burton; Glousester v VS Rugby; Gravesend and Northfiele; V Bromsgrove; Moor Green v Dartford; Poole v Fisher; Trowbridge v Atherstone; Wasdictone v Dover. Southern division: Baldook v Weymouth: Buckingham v Salisbury; Dunstable v Ashiford; Erith and Belvedese v Gosport-Frethern v Neuponatoliv; Haytings v Braintree; Hevant v Canterbury; Hythe v Andover; Margate v Bury; Stiffsphourne v Witney. Middand division: Bedworth v Stroud; Bilston v Yese; Dudley v King's Lynn; Hednesford, v Yese; Dudley v King's Lynn; Hednesford. v Yese; Nunseston v Hinotley; Redditch v Granthern; Stourbridge v Barry; Sutton Coldfield v RC Warwick; Tannorth v Newport AFC.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division; Eventon v Liverpool (2.00).
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION:

First division

SMIRNOFF BUSH LEAGUE: Ballymens v Ballyctere; Bungor v Glentoran; Carrick v Lame; Ciffoorville v Glenavor; Distillery v Newry; Linfeld v Coloraine; Omegh v Ards; Portadown v Crusaders.

NORTHERN LEAGUE First division: Brandon v Blyth Spartans; Consett v Guisborough; Ferryhll v Whichham; Lang-ley Park Weilsre v Shidon; Newtastle Blue Star v Tow Law; Northalicator v

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Armitorpe v Herrogate RA; Ecclestill v Pontetract; Glasshoughlon v Thackley; Metty MW v Ossett Town; Ossett Abbon v North Ferriby; Sheffield v Brigg; Spannymoor v Belper; Sutton Town v North Shletts; Winterton v Denaby. ABACUS WELSH LEAGUE: National divisions Enton Ferry v Bracon; Cumbran v Aten Lido; Heverlordwest v Abergevenny; Inter Cardiff v Caldicot; Lisnelli v Bridgend; Maesteg v Abergetwyll. Pembroke v Ferndale; Ton Pentre v Ebbw

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES
LEAGUE Pramier division: Brightlingsee v Chatteris; Felicatowe v Stowmerfact;
Great Yermouth v Habised; Histon v
Comerci; Lowestott v Wisbedt; March v
Havefull; Newmarket v Thetford; Nordet
Uritiad v Clacton; Tiptree v Wetton;
Wrothern v Herwich and Parlesston. GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier di-vision: Bideford v Tsurrion; Clevedon v Plymouth Angyle reserves; Emore v Wellon; Eurouth v Bristol Menor Farm; Frome v Chard; Mangotsfield v Minehand Ottery SI Many v Lisizent; Weston-super-Mare v Chippenhem; Psulton v.Saftash.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES: First

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: Broomfield v Old Salestans; Carshellon v Norsemen; Crouch End Vampires v Lloyda Benk; Cusco v Kew Association; Midlend Benk v Old Actonians; Old Lyonians v Old Letymerians; Old

FOOTBALL HOCKEY Barclays League NATWEST COUNTY CHAMPIONSHI Arsenal v Leeds Utd (ali ticket, 3.25)

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: BOHU GAIS LEAGUE OF INELAND: Premier division: Bohemiens v Athione (4.00): Cork City v Droghede (3.00): Derry v Sigo (3.30); Dundalk v Bray Wanderers (3.30); Gelway v Shelbourne (3.30); Shamrock v St Petrick's Athletic (3.30). RUGBY LEAGUE **British Coal International** Wales v France.. (at Swanses FC, 6.15)

STUDENT INTERNATIONAL: Wales France (at Swanses FC, 11.30). France (at Swanses FC, 11.30).
STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP:
(3.00 unless stated): First division:
Castleford v Hull KR (3.30); Hull v Leods
(3.15): St Holens v Hullion; Swinton v Featherstone; Widnes v Bradford; Wiges
v Sallord. Second division: London
Causeders v Cartiele; Rochdele v
Worlungton; Shaffleld v Leigh (3.15).
Third division; Barrow v Battey (2.20);
Bramley v Highfield (1.00); Chorley v
Doncester; Dewabury v Nottingham
(3.30); Trafford v Keighley (at Huddershield, 3.30); Whitesteven v Scarborough
Pleates (3.30). WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: Pool C (at Humberside): Hungary v Australia (2.00); South Korae v Belgium (5.15); North Korea v Greet Britain (8.30).

NATWEST COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPEast: Cambridgeshire v Essax (10.30);
Kanil v Hyritordshire (12.00); Nodolk v
Sutibik (1.30). Midlands: Warwickshire v
Derbyshire (9.30); Derbyshire v Northamploneshire (12.30); Wortestershire v
Warwickshire (3.40); Wortestershire v
Sirropehire (10.00); Stropeshire v Nottinghershire (3.40); Nottinghershire v
Wordestershire (4.30); Staffordshire v
Wordestershire (3.30); Leicestershire v
Bediondshire (12.30); Bediondshire v
Staffordshire (3.40). North: Cumbris v
Northumberland (9.15); Yorkshire v Duham (10.45); Northumberland v Yorkshire (1.15); Cursam v Cambris (2.45); Sheffield
League (1.15); Cursam v Cambris (2.45); Sheffield
League (1.20); Lancashire Central League (1.40);
Humberside v Marxhester League (1.20); Lancashire Valundshire (3.50); Avon v Dorset (10.30); Gioucestershire v Deson (12.00);
Camwell v Wittshire (1.50); Somessat v
Herefordshire (3.00); Avon v Dorset (10.30); Gioucestershire v Deson (12.00). BASKETBALL VAUXHALL INDOOR TROPHY: Men'

NATIONAL, INTER-LEAGUE CHAMP-IONSHIP (at Otton and West Warwick-shire HC): Ott Kingstonians v Bournamounts and West Hants (10.00): Oxford Hawks v Formby (12.00); Season v Taunton Vale (2.00); Harleston Magnies w Brooklands (4.00).

CARLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE:
Men: First division: Sunderland v Chestire (6.00); London v Thames Valley (6.00).
Second division: Birxion v Doncastra
(4.00); Strabbusme v Greenwich (6.00);
Cardiff v Coventry (4.00); Women: First
division: Birxion v Hemel Hempatead
(2.00); Northempton v Lolcester (3.00);
Rhondda v Sheffield (2.00). Second
division: Northampton v Heriestien
(1.15).

area: Play-offs: Malchpoint Bramh Hiley: Hatemohre Sheffield v Clean Brentwood; Record Centre Meldstone : Cueen's Club; Team Excel Bath v Roys OTHER SPORT

CYCLING: Europa two-day event (Owleabury, Hanta, 11.30). BNOOKER: Embassy world champ-ionalth: preliminary tournament (Pras-SQUASH RACKETS: Guernaev

Parkonians v West Wickham: Old Stationers v East Barnet OG; Old West Citizens v Baretham; Polytachnic v Barchays Barni; Reigate Priory v Barnk of England; Royal Barnk v Lenebury; Southgate Olympic v Alexandra Park; Winchmore Hit v Civil Service.
ARTH-URIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Old England; Vold Cholmelelans; Old Foresters v Old Chigwellans; Lancing v Old Caritusians. First division: Wykahamatsts v Seioplans.

RUGBY UNION 3.0 unless stated Five nations' championship France v Ireland......(at Parc des Princes, 2.00)

Wales v Scotland (at Cardiff Arms Park, 2.30) ADT county championship Semi-finals Cornwall v Yorkshire... (at Redruth, 2,15) Lancashire v Hampshire

Under-21 championship Semi-finals East Midlands v Surrey (at Northampton) shire v Corny (at Waterloo, 12.00)

Courage Clubs Championship First division eicester v Rosslyn Park.. Third division Richmond v Headingley

Fourth division south The Army v Royal Navy .. (at Twickenham) Club matches

Blackheath v Exeter
Durham City v Newcastle G (2.30)
Ealing v Maidenhead
Fyide v Birkenhead
Gala v Musselburgh (12.00)
Harrogate v W Hartlepool
Jed-Forest v Preston Lodge (12.00)
Liverpool St H v Vale of Lune (12.00)
London Welsh v Nottingham
Meirose v Stawarts Mei FP (12.00) Blackheath v Exeter.

Moseley v Northampton Otley v Preston G....... Sele v Hawick Sheffield v Waterloo..... Wasps v London Scottish Provincial insurance Cup

Altrincham Kersal v Bicester (at Coventry)
 Bracknell v Bradford Salen (at Nottingham) County colts championship

Lancashire v Middlese (at Twickenham, 12.30)

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NATWEST COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP:
North: Northernbertand v Durham (8.50);
Vortabire v Cumbria (11.15); Cheshire v
Lancashire (10.10); Manchester League v
Lancashire (10.10); Manchester League (12.40);
Manchester League (11.25); Humberside v
Lancashire League v Cheshire (15.5);
West: Herefordshire v Gloucesterchire (8.15); Avon v Witshire (10.45); Devon v
Somerset (12.15), Dorset v Cornwell (1.46); Avon v Gloucestershire (3.15);
Witshire v Devon (4.45); Dorset v
Somerset (6.15).
NATIONAL INTER-LEAGUE CHAMP-IONSHIP (at Olten and West Warwickshire HC): Brooklands v Odord Hawks (10.0); Formby v Harleston Maggies (2.0);
Bournassouth and West Hents v Bession (4.0).

ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: Pool C (a) Humbersda): Australia v South Korea (2.0): Humpary v North Korea (5.15): Belgium v Great Britain (8.30).

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CARLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE:
(7.30 unters stated): Menr First division:
Manchester v Kingston; Hemel Hempstead v Morthing (8.00): Birminghans v
Lelecster: Derby v Sunderland, Second
division: Barnaloy v Ware (8.00); Oldham
y Middlesbrough; Pymouth v Bury, Third
division: Chiltom v Caderdale; North
London v Crystal Palace; Sedgefield v
Mid-Sussen; Sheffield v Stevenage; Solont v Lelecster (8.00); Swindon v
Cheshira, Women: First division: Isswich
v Nottingham (4.00); London YMCA v
Thamas valley (6.00); Sheffield v London
Jets (5.30), Second division: Cemberley
v Mitten Keynes (4.45). BASKETBALL

VOLLEYBALL ROYAL BANK NATIONAL CUP: Finst: Womer: Britannia Music v Trafford (3.00). Men: Team Mizuno Malory v Polonia Ealing (5.00). LACROSSE

REGIONAL TROPHY: Final; Cher Lancashire (Stockport, 3.00). OTHER SPORT

CANOEING: Premier ranking series second event (Bals, North Wales). CYCLING: Europa two-day event, (Owlesbury, Hanis, 11.30). RALLYING: Vauxhall sport international rally (Chester). rafty (Criester).

SNOOKER: Embassy world champ ionship: preliminary tournement (Prestor); Forte Hotels Malchroom League; 8 Hendry v A Meo (at Aldershot, 730); 9 James v A Fisher (et Glesgow, 8.00). SQUASH RACKETS: Guernsey wom-

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McColgan is ready to run from the front again

FROM DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

IT STARTED as the week of the front-runner and today it may end that way, but Liz McColgan will be about as popular here as Bill Clinton if she wins the women's world cross-country title.

This is Paul Tsongas's territory, but he gave up the presi-dential race this week, announcing his decision in Boston and leaving Clinton way ahead in the contest to become the Democratic party candidate. If the polls were measured on a track, Clinton would be doing what McColgan has been making a habit of: lapping the opposition.

McColgan itches to get out in front and last Saturday she lapped the field over 3,000 metres in Birmingham, demonstrating that she is sharp for the task today. Against Lynn Jennings, she will need to be. Jennings, a New Englander like Tsongas, is seeking a third term in office as world champion and the support for her will be considerable. She was asked yesterday to name her most memorable race. "It hasn't happened yet," she replied.

Jennings was the last athlete to beat McColgan in any race that matters, retaining this title a year ago when the Scot was third, but, like the criminal who has gone straight, McColgan believes she is a new woman. "I am on a totally different level now,"

She even disclosed details of a training session to prove it: five repetition 1,000 metres runs on a treadmill, with 30 seconds' recovery, in 2min 46sec to 2min 47sec; a year ago, she was doing them in 2min 53sec to 2min 55sec. McColgan had runaway victories in the world champion-ship 10,000 metres in Tokyo, in the New York marathon and in setting a 5,000 metres indoors world record, but this race presents a problem for her - not the least part of which is Jennings, whom she recognises as "a good kicker". But trying to run it from the front would be risky, given that the field includes two good Ethiopians, Derartu Tulu and Luchia Yisak, three good Kenyans, Susan Sirma, Pauline Konga and Jane Ngotho, and Catherina

McKiernan, of Ireland. McColgan's solo tactics of recent times have kept her out of the sitting-duck position exploited by Olga Bondar-enko for the 1988 Olympic Games 10,000 metres title. but she refuses to concede that she may still be vulnerable. However, she seemed uncomfortable answering the question of whether she might be. "I do not think I have got a weakness there," she said. McColgan is not normally so reserved.

The British team could also win medals. Jill Hunter and Angie Pain were well up in Stavanger in 1989 when the course was demanding, as the one here at Franklin Park is. The British men will do well to improve on their sixth place of last year, though any one of Eamonn Martin, Rich ard Nerurkar or David Clarke could, on a good day,

make the top ten. Khalid Skah, of Morocco, has won the last two championships and, before him, John Ngugi, of Kenya, took four in succession. Ngugi is apparently well-prepared, but Skah does not want us to believe he is. "I think it is going to be a big fight between the Ethiopians and Kewana "Skah originas and Kewana" Skah originas and Kewana "Skah originas and Kewana".

nyans," Skah said. The only certainty is that Africans will win the team title for the twelfth successive year. An African will proba-bly take the individual title too, with Fita Bayesa, of Ethiopia, being the greatest threat

Dumas promises new-look French

BY KEITH MACKLIN

ONE thing is certain about the Wales v France international at Swansea tomorrow.

France since January 1978, when they won 29-7 at Widnes. The Wales manag-Wales cannot again anticipate the easy ride they enjoyed against the cold and dispirited Papua New Guinea tourists in the 68-0 romp at the Vetch Field.

It will be different tomorrow. France are in the throes of a resurgence and are desperate to restore morale after the unexpectedly heavy defeat by Great Britain at Hull, which followed the close

game at Perpignan.
France certainly will not lie down. Gilles Dumas, their captain, said: "Our squad all know each other better now, and the system is taking shape. If we tighten our game and make fewer mistakes, we should see the real French game against Wales."

This is a reference to the vigorous and skilful attacking game played in the first 60 minutes of the Perpignan march, when France troubled Great Britain and were level at 12-12 before they faded in the last 20 minutes.

Wales last played France at Narbonne in January 1981, when France won 23-5. Wales have lost the past three tries and have not beaten ready doomed.

er, Jim Mills, played in that game and scored a try.

The last meeting at Swansea was at the St Helen'sground in 1975, Wales winning 21-8 before a crowd of 15,000. A big attendance is expected tomorrow as Welshmen come again to watch the likes of Jonathan Davies, Jonathan Griffiths. John Devereux, David Bish-op and Allan Bateman. With Wigan home bankers

against Salford tomorrow. and the championship again firmly in their grasp, most attention in the first division centres around the battle at the other end of the table where three clubs fight against relegation.

One of them is Salford, who were the last team to defeat Wigan, back in November when Salford were having an excellent run. All that has changed, as Salford have tumbled down the table, and they can expect no sympathy at Central Park tomorrow. The same applies to Bradford Northern at St Helens, but Featherstone Rovers can take two vital points at Swinton. meetings between the coun- where the home side are al-

Streamline vote vital

THE vote for and against a move towards a streamlined return to two divisions could be a close one if the board of

(Keith Macklin writes). Third division clubs, uncontinued existence, and some lowly second division clubs can be expected to oppose the move to return to two divisions of 16 each, which would wipe out four existing sides in the 36-member league. Under threat are the division, Whitehaven, Chorley, Trafford Borough and Nottingham City, but others may feel that this is merely a under threat next season.

Parameters of the

super league. The proposals, which directors agrees to pass on the would probably be intronew proposals to a full meet- duced in the 1993-4 season. ing of clubs next month also include plans to give higher-status clubs more power and a greater share in derstandably fearful of their the income generated through sponsorship, tele-vision and leading cup and representative fixtures. The decision comes in the first season of three divisions and if the bottom four do go out it will be a bitter blow for expansion, with Nottingham City, bottom four clubs in the third Chorley and Trafford Borough, three of the younger clubs, and the newest of all, Scarborough, likely to be

Holland acquires tan and polish

Scaling the heights: Holland weighs out for the new season intent on bettering last year's 85 winners

BY RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

sessed more than a bronzed tan when he returned to the fray at Doncaster this week following a two-month working holiday in California.

The 19-year-old riding find of 1991, with the distinctive US style, has also gained the self-confidence so often displayed by American jockeys such as Steve Cauthen and Cash Asmu-

"I have improved 100 per cent in my style," Holland said. "It is going to be a little different from last year: a lot neater, more

compact and stronger.

As if to prove his point, a couple of hours later, the Mancumian donned silks for the first time in the new Flat season and rode the most beautiful race on the unfancied Touch Silver to land the Brocklesby Stakes for Barry Hills. You could almost sense

his new found assuredness travelling down the reins as he coaxed the winner home. Holland crouches low in the saddle, almost moulded to a horse's back and appears deceptively still as he speeds past the winning post, his whip emerging like a periscope above his

A first visit to Gary Jones's training establish-ment on America's west coast 12 months ago was followed by 85 winners last summer for the season's champion apprentice.

This January he returned to Jones and rode work most mornings at Santa Anita or Hollywood Park.

The first time I learnt a lot. The second time I really polished up. I learnt so much from jockeys like Lafitte Pincay and Chris McCarron because I ride in their style."

Holland had a couple of

rides during his stay and finished second on the aptly-named Dream Of Fame, a 30-1 outsider owned by Sheikh Mohammed. Unlike so many useful

youngsters, Holland has made the transition from apprentice to professional without the rides and winners drying up.
With the backing of Bar-

ry Hills's yard, where he expects to have about 80 per cent of the rides, Hol-land can dream of the glory years ahead, although he keeps his feet on the ground.
"My ambition is to beat
the 85 winners I had last

year. Everybody thinks of classics and being champi-on jockey but there are a lot of jockeys that will get there before me, like Alan Munro and Frankie Dettori.

"So I will wait my turn and hope it happens. If it does I will be grateful. You have to be very good to be champion jockey. You have to face facts, and Pat is going to be there for a few more years. There are so many great jockeys around like Steve and Willie, who are retained by owners, that it will be hard to get a

Holland's headline grabbing success last season prompted rumours that he might have his services big owners, notably Robert

Sangster.
The speculation was not far wide of the mark but Barry Hills was in no mood to lose Holland, whom he regards so highly. "Mr Hills has a wonder-

ful heart. I have had my fair share of rollickings from him and I have probably been sacked twice already. We still have arguments now but, at the end of the day, we have a good rela-

Since returning from America, Holland has been on a strict diet following a "binge" on American yo-ghurt and burgers which saw his weight rise to 8st

ow down to 7st 12lb, he is ready for the strenuous campaign ahead and is pre-pared to go anywhere for a possible winner.

The teenager from a nonracing background has had to work harder than most to succeed. "I didn't want an ordinary job such as a carpenter or plumber when I left school. I wanted to do something different and make something of myself.

"I used to watch the TV

racing and everyone said why didn't I try to become a jockey as I weighed only four stone when I was 15. "I have tried hard at everything and it has worked out for me. My mot-her always said: 'If you want something badly

enough, you can get it."

Messrs Eddery, Carson and Cauthen beware. You

Bixio to enjoy a second Success Point-to-Point By Brian Bep*

RETURN to Friar's Haugh today could pay off for Bixio, who won a maiden race here three weeks ago by

20 lengths.

In The Times Championship qualifier at the Duke of
Buccleuch's, he is likely to meet strong opposition from the Tynedale restricted win-ner, Thirty All, but could be up to the task as the latter has a 71b penalty.
Doreen Calder returns to

the saddle at this meeting after recovering from a broken collar-bone and is expected to partner Flying Ace in the ladies open. Breenamore, second at

Leicester last time, has been confined to hunter chasing so far this year. On his seasonal debut between the flags, he could be surprised in The Times race at the West Street Tickham by Tryumphant Lad, who followed up his maiden win at Charing with a spirited performance when second to the experienced Wily Yeoman at Parham two weeks ago.

In The Times qualifier at the Cambridgeshire, my pref-erence is for Mend but, with Burromariner, Caspian Flyer and Moss Control in the possible line-up, it should be a highly competitive race.

The chance of Khanaf in the RMC event at the Lamerton will be improved by the absence of Thursday's Towcester winner, Fiddlers Pike, while the corresponding race at the Carmarthenshire may go to Rectory Boy on his first appearance this year.

After coming second in his last three races on Ascertal-moor, Andrew Wardell deserves a change of luck but he will find both Impy Condor and Beech Grove difficult to beat in the Land Rover qualifier at the Wilton.

Glen Lochan is likely to find Speaker's Corner too good in the same sponsor's race at the Hurworth.

In one of the few crosscountry events still to be staged. Bob Geldorf should be on song at the Cottesmore where the BMW qualifier should go to Aherlow.

TODAY'S MEETINGS: Cambridgeshire, Horseheath, 3m E of Linton (first race 1.00); Carmerthenshire, Lydstep, 3m SW of Tenby (1.00); Cottesmore, Gerthorpe, 5m E of Melton Mowbray (1.00); Dulks of Succleuch's, Priar's Haugh, im W of Succleuch's, Howe's Hills, im S of Sedgelleid (1.00); Lamerton, Kilworthy, 2m NE of Tavistock (12.30). Meurell & South field (1.00); Lametton, Kilworthy, 2m NE of Tavistock (12.30); Meynell & South Staffs, Sendon, 4m SE of Stone (1.00); South Herefordshire, Germons, 7m W of Hereford (2.00); Twesteldown Club, Twesteldown, 3m W of Addershot (1.00); Westen & Barnwell, William, Im E of town (1.00); West Street Tickhem, Detling, 2m NE of Medistone (1.00); Wilton, Bedbury Rings, 5m SE of Blandford (1.30).

was the next lot in the cataseason when bringing the logue," Mrs Ramsden said. Michael Stoute-trained three-

By MICHAEL SEELY

THE husband and wife team of Jack and Lynda Ramsden struck their first blow of the new Flat racing campaign when Jason Weaver drove the heavily-backed King Of Chance to a short-head defeat of State Dancer in the Holroyd Construction Group Stakes at Doncaster yester

day.
The bookmakers were offering 12-1 this morning," said Jack, the trainer's husband. "I only managed to get a bit of it, so the office cleaners must have been there before me.

Yesterday's winner was a lucky chance purchase by David Thompson at last October's Newmarket sales. "Chris Richards, the Cheveley Park stud manager, was bidding for it in the

mistaken belief that it was our filly, Misunderstanding, who Jack Ramsden had long been acknowledged as one of

the best form judges in the country, so it was interesting to hear his views about the likely effect of the draw in this afternoon's Lincoln. "I see the clerk of the course is telling everyone that low numbers will be favourite," he said, "but I couldn't disagree more. Results of handi-

caps from six furlongs to a mile run over the straight course last season, proved conclusively that high numbers are best." Whether John Sanderson or Ramsden will be proved correct could not be judged

from the result of the Cystic

whom Pat Eddery recorded his first success of the new year-old home two lengths ahead of the favourite, Glasgow, was drawn four of the 17 runners, the 10-1 winner was brought over to race towards the stand side.

Ramsdens swoop with King Of Chance

Joe Mercer, racing manager for Mizaaya's owner, Maktoum Al-Maktoum, said the ruler of Dubai is now looking forward to attempting to repeat his 1983 win in the 1,000 Guineas with Hatoof, who, like Ma Biche, is trained by Criquette Head.
"I saw her at Chantilly the

other morning and she looked in tremendous form," said Mercer. "She's going to have her first run of the season in the Prix Imprudence at Maisons-Lafitte on April 10." Jack Berry, the recordalso got off the mark in Britain by landing a 31-1 double with Classic Storm and John Carroll rode Classic

Storm to an easy three lengths win in the South Yorkshire Selling Stakes, but Nicky Carlisle was on board Amron when the five-year-old repeated his 1991 victory in the CF Jubilee Handicap.
"He hasn't got his coat yet and he looks like a hairy little

terrier," said Berry. "My long-term objective will be either to win the Ayr Gold Cup with him or the Ladbroke Consolation Handicap on the same afternoon."

was a novel experience for Derek Shaw after Gary Carter had driven the 50-1 chance Coleridge to a surprise defeat of Bardolph in the Cystic Fibrosis Research Yesterday's winning four-year-old is one of 12 horses

House Stakes at Newmarket.

ry are all used to standing in

the winner's enclosure. But it

Ramsden, Stoute and Ber-

that the former jump jockey trains for John Sheehan at Ashington in Sussex. "I only got my licence at Christmas," he said, "so this

is my first winner. To say that he's difficult to train would be an understatement. We've ridden him round the woods The trainer went on to say and all over the place to try that Paris House, last sea- and get him relaxed. All the son's prolific winning two-year-old, is likely to make his seasonal debut in the Palace credit must go to the girl who does him, Lisa Hackett, who only weighs seven stone."

4.00 HUGH JOICEY MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (21,180: 3m) (10) ANDICAP CRADE (Z.1, 100. 6..., 1...) 1 1354 HE WHO DARES WINS 25 (D.F.G) W A Siepherson 9 120 —

1 1354 HE WHU DARES WINS 29 (D.F.G) W A DEPARTMENT 9:12-G — 9:12-G

10 -P02 CANDY CONE 17 (F,G) R Brewis 12-10-2 C Brownless

52 Bow Handy Man, 7-2 Brig's Gazelle, 6-1 Brandy Hambro, 7-1 He Who Deres Wine, 10-1 Mapc Rain, 12-1 High Edge Grey, 14-1 offices.

4.30 SETTLINGSTONES HANDICAP HURDLE (Amateurs: £872-2m) (13)

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1 POP. MLS MLJ 416 (D.F.S) T Cuthor 7:120 W Hurst (7)
2 2311 CROSSHOT 56 (D.F.S.) R McDonate 5:10:2
2 3556 PERSUASIVE 14 (D.G.S) Mess I Pernatt 5:10:12
4 3001 THE LAUGHING LORD 7 (F) W A Stephenson 6:10.5

6 0441 EASBY MANIFRITA // [5] 3 KRIPHWRI 3-11-0

7 3440 LORD RINKS 5 (CD_F) J Goulding 5-10-0

8 Lyons (7)

7 3440 LORD RINKS 5 (CD_F) J Goulding 5-10-0

9 3904 SELENT RING 7 (B.D.F,G) N Weggott 6-10-0

10 0P04 SORRETO 8 C James 8-10-0

11 660- HIGHLAND RIVER 362 T Cultibort 5-10-0

12 60-P SHEILAS HILLCREST 24 Mm Y Stepleton 6-10-0

Mm 3 Y Stepleton (7)

13 000P BISHOPSFORD 28 N Waggott 8-10-0

Miss T Waggott (7)

5.00 BEAUFRONT NOVICES CHASE

(Div II: £906: 3m) (11) 1 P1P3 INTO THE GLEN 129 (D.F) W A Stephenson 9-11-7

2 PF BUCKLE IT UP 42 (B) A Mactaggart 7-11-0 3 -23P CRAFTY COPPER B (G) A Jarvis 8-11-0.
4 F052 KNOWE HEAD 17 W Barker 8-11-0.
5 -524 MACHO MAN 29 (G,S) J O'Neil 7-11-0.
6 2USS MUCK OR MONEY 115 J Charlton 8-11-0.
7 -632 WATERTIGHT 46 (C,D,Q) Mrg G Reveley 7-11-0

3-1 Watertight, 7-2 Mecho Men, 5-1 Into The Glen, Knowe Head, 8-1 Crafty Copper, 10-1 Muck Or Money, 20-1 others.

5.30 FOURSTONES HANDICAP CHASE (£1,152: 2m) (7)

1 41P5 JESTERS PROSPECT 21 (D,S) Mrs J Goodfellow 6-12-0 B Storey 2 2303 PURA MONEY 14 (D,F,G,S) G Richards 10-11-0

3 6-11 STAGS FELL 182 (D.F.G) G Moore 7-10-10 M Motoney 4 511- NIGHT GUEST 311 (CD,F,G) P Monteuth 10-10-3 — 5 6741 REVARO 30 (D,F) Mrs J Rameden 6-10-3 A Orkney 7 8403 SPARK OF PEACE 8 (G,S) P Blockley 10-10-0 — 14 5terrs End. 3-1 Bernary A Color 10-10-0 — 14 5terrs End. 3-1

11-4 Stags Feb. 3-1 Revero, 9-2 Jesters Prospect, 7-1 Hoddam Brig, Pura Money, 10-1 Night Guest, 12-1 Spark Of Peace. COURSE SPECIALISTS

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TRAINERS: G Moors, 29 winners from 93 rumers, 31 2%; G Richards, 29 from 114, 25.4%; P Monteith, 12 from 48, 25.0%; W A Stephenson, 40 from 197, 20.3%; J J O Neill, 8 from 43, 18.5%; F Watton, 7 from 39, 17.9%. JOCKEYS: R Hodge, 7 winners from 23 ndes, 30.4%; C Grant, 33 from 137, 24.1%, J Cataghan, 6 from 41, 14 6%; R Garritty, 6 from 46, 13.0%; S Turner, 7 from 58, 12.1%; A Orkney, 7 from 62, 11.3%.



2.00 Mr Optimistic. 2.30 Garda's Gold. 3.00 Rinus. 3.30 Parsons Pleasure. 4.00 Welsh Bard. 4.30 Acrow Line. 5.00 The Rambling Man. THUNDERER

2.00 Primino. 2.30 Sally's Dove. 3.00 Radical Lady. 3.30 Johnny's Slipper. 4.00 Abbot Of Furness. 4.30 Brigadier Davis. 5.00 Fourth In Line.

GOING: SOFT

2.00 PENLEY NOVICES HURDLE (£1,235: 2m) (18 runners)

1,235: 2m) (18 runners)
1 3342 MR OPTIMISTIC 15 (BF,D,G) J O'Neil 5-11-12
A Dobbin (7)
2 0F52 TIPP DOWN 10 (D.S) D Murray Smith 9-11-12
D Sallagher 2 0F52 TIPP DOWN 10 (D.S) D Murrey Smith 9-11-12
3 02- CADDLESTOWN 329 Mrs C Black 8-11-8
Mr D McCain Jr (7)
4 0-P0 HANA-CRUISE 23 C Bridgett 5-11-6. Mr T D Incident Jr (7)
5 38/ HIT THE BOX 750 C Beever 7-11-6. Mr T J Incident Jr (7)
6 02 HONEY BOY SIMBA 88 M O'Neil 6-11-6. P Harte
7 6P4 PRIMIND 77 T Tate 7-11-8. G Bradley
8 581 PARIS OF TROY 29 (D) N Twiston-Davies 4-11-4 M Lynch
10 05 CARLINGFORD BELLE 24 J Magchen 8-11-1
11 0/P COBBLERS CROSS 43 R Peacook 7-11-1
12 006 COLOUR POLICY 24 C Triestina 5-11-1
13 65 LATOSKY 24 J Norion 4-10-12 D Bridgester (3)
14 0RPEN 71F C Cowley 4-10-12 Judy Davies (7)
15 0 QUESTION OF HONOR 17 A Jones 4-10-12
Miss D Jones
16 2 KAMDIVSHA 8 4 Periess 4-10-7 M Smith (3)

2.30 CROSS LANES SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (Conditional Jockeys: £1,649: 2m) (12)

1 8251 GARDA'S GOLD 18 (0.5) R Diotain 9-11-10 D Merestat. 2 0410 SALLY'S DOVE 12 (CD, 6.5) R Price 7-11-8. L Squire 3 0-45 SCARLET EXPRESS 8 (V.). G) C Severe 5-11-3. — 4 0-0F DERWENT WATERS 15 (B) Miles S Wilton 5-11-0. 5 0335 RELIEF MAP 12 (D.G.) J Parkes 5-10-13 N Smith 6 093- SQUITHAOP 316 C Thefine 6-10-13 D Bridgwater 7 370 KARYBABY 28 M Echiey 7-10-6 R Beillarry 8 00-0 WHOEVER 17 (D.S.) R Curds 10-10-8 G Crone 9 -052 BRYANSBI 21 M McCourt 8-10-0 A McCabe 10 5 MUSICAL YOUTH 97 0 Whole 9-10-0 W Member 11 P800 KING BOO 21 G Kely 6-10-0 W Marten 11 P800 KING BOO 21 G Kely 6-10-0 W Marten 12 /8F MY SON JOHN 124 J Peacock 9-10-0 1-12 (Gerde's Gold, 7-2 Sab-/s Dean 4-1 Expendit 6-1

5-2 Gerda's Gold, 7-2 Selly's Dove, 4-1 Bryansbi, 6-1 Scarlet Express, 8-1 Relief Map, 10-1 Southrop, 14-1 others. 3,00 ALTHREY WOODHOUSE HANDICAP

CHASE (£3,111: 2m 4f) (6) ### CD. ### CD

3.30 MILES MACADAM NOVICES
HANDICAP CHASE (23,257: 3m) (16)
1 P.F. KANGAROO COURT 9 (6) J O'Nell 6-11-10
A Dobbin (7)
2 F14P PAYNIM 18 (F) M O'Nell 8-11-2
3 5004 VALE OF SECRECY 4 (C,F.S) R Fisher 11-11-2
M Dayyer

M Dayer
4 2-13 JOHNNY'S SLIPPER 123 (BF,D,F) W A Sephanson
7-10-12 K Johnson
5 /08 MASTER MUCK 14 (S) N Twiston-Davies 9-10-6
8 Covery
6 COPF YOUNG MANER 18 (S) Mrs T Mainnes Skinner 5-10-7
5 J O'Neill

Fibrosis Maiden Stakes. Although Mizaaya, on 7 S45U SEBEL HOUSE 14 (B,C,S) D McCain 9-10-6 G Bradley 8 0104 SEN HEAD 16 (S) T Forster 10-10-4 J Ration 9 2456 RANDOM WARRIOR 11 (G) J Parkes 8-10-3 10 0422 PARSONS PLEASURE 24 M Wildrigon 9-10-2 10 0422 PARSONS PLEASURE 24 M Wildmann 9-10-2 Mf Lynch
11 -R30 HUNDECOLA 28 8 Presec 7-10-0 G Lyons
12 P40U IU.TRASON IV 8 Andrew Turnel 8-10-0 L. Harvey
13 /00 RYNGLERIESE 40 P Hobbs 7-10-0 C Meude
14 0-43 SANAMAR 8 (8/6) 7 Greethead 8-10-0 W Humphrey
15 PP-F QUEST FOR SUCCESS 59 P Hobbs 8-10-0 L.
16 PP2F THE HUCKLEBUCK 39 R Diddn 7-10-0 M Jones
7-2 Johnny's Sipoer, 4-1 Master Muck, 5-1 Persona Pleesure, 61 Sen Hoed, 8-1 Senemar, The Hucklebuck, 10-1 others.

4.00 MAELOR NOVICES CHASE

(\$2,542: 2m) (8)

1 FF61 ABBOT OF FURNESS 17 (C.D.S) G Richards 8-11-12
N Doughty
2 UP42 CIRCULATION 21 (D.G) D McCain 8-11-12
3 2411 WELSH BARD 10 (V.D.F.G.S) C Brooks 8-11-12
G Bradley
4 -205 GOLDEN FARE 28 R Lee 7-11-4
5 P0-8 HEAD LAD 23 R Peacock 9-11-4
C 1682 PASSO ALL FERTA 12 (S) D Decoch 9-11-4
7 P6-U SHEDARBO 15 D McCain 7-11-4 Mr D McCain Jr (7)
8 0-05 BALMORAL DRIVE 17 W Clay 5-10-6

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C 18 McCain DRIVE 18 W Clay 5-10-6
C 18 M 11-8 Weich Bard; 15-8 Abbot Of Furness, 5-1 Circulation, 8-1 Passo All'Erts, 12-1 Golden Fare, 16-1 others.

4.30 LIGHTWOOD GREEN NOVICES

14 0POP THE LOGI DOL SHARMON 5-10-0 W MARTHON (7)
15 -OUP FURRY BABY 35 M Avison 5-10-0 M Jones
16 PP2F THE MUCKLEBUCK 39 R Dictin 7-10-0 M Jones
17 -OOR SPACE MARINER 40 T Belley 5-10-0 A Flannique (7)
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A Francigue (7) 7-2 Kanooz, 4-1 Grange Brake, 5-1 Acrew Line, 6-1 Brigadier Davis, Remember The Alarmo, 6-1 Di Mode, 10-1 others.

5.00 GRUNWICK STAKES NATIONAL
HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,071: 1m 4f) (16)

1 01 SYLVIA BEACH 49 (5) R Holder 6-11-12
D Matthews (7)
BLAZING JOKER R Lee 5-11-10 Mr P McLaughlin (7)
HIGHLAND POACHER D McCain 5-11-10
Mr D McCein Jr (7)
PAKENHAM G Richards 6-11-10
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THE RAMBLING MAN 14 G Richards 5-11-10
Air J Misrphy (7)
AI DINIGTON GREY C Trieffing 5-11-5

3 THE RAMBLING MAN 14 G Richards 5-11-10
ALDINGTON GREY C Trieffine 5-11-5
D Bridgweser (2)
CATHS FOLLY 24 J Peccock 5-11-5 Mr T Jenks (7)
LEINTHALL PRINCESS 43 J Nacchae 6-11-5
A Flanningsm (7)
MRS BAS 12 W Clay 5-11-8 J Driscotl (7)
BLUE ADDER Y Bailey 4-11-2 Mr Fi Davis (7)
GEORGE LANE F Jorden 4-11-2 T Protheros (7)
JORNS CHOICE 54 B Prects 4-11-2 S Wynne (7)
REMEMBER MAC R Lee 4-10-11 S T Bariney (5)
DRAKES COUNTRY Mrs H Parrott 4-10-11 D Leatny (7) 9-4 The Rembling Man, 4-1 Sylvia Beach, 6-1 Fourth in Line, 8-1 Highland Peacher, Pakenham, 8-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS: R Fisher, 4 winners from 8 runners, 44.4%; G Richards, 22 from 90, 24.4%; J Edwards, 14 from 68, 20.5%; J J O'Nell, 8 from 30, 20%; G Moore, 4 from 21, 19%; D Wintle, 3 from 15, 18.5%. Moore, 4 from 21, 19%; N Doughty, 13 winners from 46 ricles, 28.3%; L Harvey, 5 from 19, 26.3%; M Dayler, 8 from 41, 19.5%; ker O McCafer Jun, 4 from 30, 13.3%; R Bellamy, 5 from 38, 13.2%. Only qualifiers

MANDARIN . . 2.15 Truely Royal. 2.50 Another Dyer. 3.25 Zilljo's-Star. 4.00 Bow Handy Man. 4.30 Ballylord. 5.00 Watertight. 5.30 Revaro. THUNDERER

2.15 Truely Royal. 2.50 Another Dyer. 3.25 Miss Corvaro. 4.00 High Edge Grey. 4.30 Crosshot. 5.00 Waterright. 5.30 Stags Fell. GOING: GOOD TO SOFT

2.15 SANDHOE NOVICES HURDLE

11-4 Man's Best Friend, 5-1 New Charges, Truely Royal, 5-1 Addington Lad, 10-1 Weddicar Lady, 14-1 Sensool, 20-1 pilhers.

2.50 BEAUFRONT NOVICES CHASE

5-2 Another Dyer, 4-1 Abercromby Chief, 5-1 Lothen Admirel, 6-1 Rakes Rustler, 8-1 Mister Moody, 10-1 others.

3.25 WALWICK NATIONAL HUNT MAIDEN HURDLE (£685: 2m) (20)

4-1 Zilip's-Star, 5-1 Delpisantos, 11-2 Kings Law, 7-3 Mies Corvero, 8-1 Blakeholme, 10-1 Mrs Jawleyford, 14-1 Others.

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Active Super Sally in grand shape for Lincoln assault

THE William Hill Lincoln Handicap has been won for the last two years by horses who have been active during the winter on the all-weather

Now there is grounds for believing that Super Sally can follow in the footsteps of Evichstar and Amenable by winning the first big handicap of the Flat season proper

at Doncaster today. The weights for this event were published midway through January. Since then Super Sally has won twice over today's distance, each time without incurring a penalty for the race.

In all her other races this year she has also acquitted herself really well in the competent hands of the apprentice Darren Biggs, with whom she has struck up such an admirable accord.

Last time out she was beaten only a head by Pytchley Night when attempting to give that in-form horse 12lb.

On that occasion Super Sally was burdened with 9st 11lb. With Biggs again claiming his 3lb allowance, she will have only 8st 81b on her back now and she should notice the difference because her rating has gone up con-siderably since the Doncaster handicap was framed.

Not content with relying solely upon Super Saily, the Newmarket trainer Mick Ryan also runs Domicksky.

By running the in-form Appealing Times to a neck at Lingfield a fortnight ago, Domicksky served notice that he is a strong second string.

Dazzle The Crowd.

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2.20 John Shaw. 2.50 Educated Pet. 3.20 Modesto

3.50 Cranfield Comet. 4.20 High Success. 4.50

2.20 Kirby Opportunity. 2.50 Murmuring. 3.20 Modesto. 3.50 Cellito. 4.20 Easy Does It. 4.50

GOING: STANDARD SIS DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW TO MIDDLE NUMBERS BEST

2.20 FRESH & FROZEN CLAIMING A SOULL

T McLaughlin (7) 4 8 2135 KIRBY OPPORTUNITY 21 (BF,CD,G) J Pauce 4-8-3 R Price (6) 8) 3 3-1 Kirby Opportunity, 7-2 Le Temeraire, 4-1 Selior Boy, 5-1 John Shaw, 6-1 Pims Gunner, 8-1 Winoski, 12-1-others.

2.50 BANKERS & BOOZERS HANDICAP

4 04-5 EVER SO ARTISTIC 18 (V,C,G) P Howling 58-10

1 4105 MURMURING 11 (CD) S Dow 69-10.... J Wilsems 8 2 4153 RUSHANES 11 (CD) T Cessy 589.... W Newnes 7 3 JOJS GORYTUS STAR 21 (S) D Haydin Jones 69-2 R Price (S) 2

STAKES (£903: 1m 5f) (8 runoers)

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MICHAEL PHILLIPS

While the booking of Pat Eddery for Maggie Siddons has to be respected, more especially since she has also been the subject of an ante-post gamble. I am more afraid of Willie Carson's mount, Roseate Lodge, who ran a remarkable race for a miler at Southwell last Saturday when he was number up to Lady Of The Fen over five furiongs.

Last spring, Roseate Lodge as twice runner-up to the Lincoln second St Ninian: initially in the Spring Cup at Newbury and then again in the Jubilee Handicap at Kempton. In that sort of form, he would constitute a

thorn in Super Sally's side. Today's trip could easily turn out to be on the short side for the top-weight, Gaelic



Ryan: two strings

Myth, and Montpelier Boy. Forest Tiger, who has already been nibbled at in the ante post market for the 2,080 Guineas, will make his long awaited racecourse debut in the Doncaster Exhibition Centre Stakes.

MANDARIN

2.00 Two Moves In Front.

4.15 Montendre. 4.45 Sovereign Rock. 5.15 Star Quest.

GOING: GOOD

(3-Y-O: £2,427: 7f) (12 runners)

3.00 TETLEY BITTER DONCASTER MILE

3.40 WILLIAM HILL LINCOLN HANDICAP

(£45,552: 1m) (24 runners)

MANDARIN

12.30 Diamond Cut.

2.15 Kalogy. 2.45 Solidasarock. 3.15 Rafiki. 3.45 Holy Mackerel.

1.05 Book Of Gold. 1.40 SENDAI (nap).

GOING: GOOD - · · ·

12.30 LAMBOURN HANDICAP HURDLE

(4-Y-O: £4,467: 2m 100yd) (9 runners)

(Listed Race: £14,490; 1m) (8 runners)

2.30 Forest Tiger. 2.30 Boursin.
3.00 Man From Eldorado. 3.00 MAN FROM ELDORADO (nap).

2.00 Night Melody.

3.40 Maggie Siddous. 4.15 Notley.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.30 FOREST TIGER (nsp). 3.40 Roseate Lodge

2.00 EBF GREY FRIARS MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: 52,831: 51) (10 runners)

GOLD DESIRE (A Britain) M Brittain 8-0...
GRIERWICH CHALENGS (J. Bird) W Carter 9-0...
MOSCATOP (Airs B Rechtino) R Hollinshead 9-0...
MIGHT MELODY (P Savil) R Hannon 9-0...
TOTALLY WIGUE (M Ribgerald) M 8ell 9-0...
TWO MOYES IN FRONT (R Aird) J Berry 9-0...
CHUMMY'S FRIEND (C Gaventa) B Hits 6-9...
MAGIC PEARL (G Sanderson) E Alston 8-8...
OTHER ONE (W Gradley) N Wright 8-9...
THE WEND (Airs W Jeonalogs) D Thom 8-9...
MICHAEL (A 1 Two Moves in Front, 8-1 Might Melody, 8-1...

1991: PARIS HOUSE 9-0 J Campil (11-10 tax) J Berry 7 ran

2.30 DONCASTER EXHIBITION CENTRE MAIDEN STAKES

(1) 42/21- MAN FROM ELDORADO 305 (F) (F) Savit) G Harvood 4-9-6.
(7) 13/45- MARCHAM 190 (F) (Shelici Michammed) B Hale 4-9-8.
(5) 20406LF SOLEL DANCER 1\$1 (D.Q.S.) (D Mort) M MoComack 4-9-3.
(4) 1/85/0-1 TANFTH 14 (D.F.6) (Mas K Berton) J Banks 5-9-3.
(5) 833360- SHOT STOPPER 145 (D Hicke) M Heaston-Elis 4-8-12.
(6) 11114- ERNESTAN 233 (C.F.G.S) (A Wragg) M H Eastorby 3-6-3.
(7) 12 DAROS 7 (K Wheldon) Mrs. Plamaden 3-8-0.
(8) 11620- MY MEMOIRS 171 (6) (Amity Finence Ltd) R Hamon 3-8-0.

12 (5) OUR EILEEN (C McHugh) A Reid 8-9.

BETTING: 7-4 Forest Tiger 3-1 Open Agends, 8-1 Mashakel, 8-1 Rebel Call, 10-1 Boursin, 12-1 Cenon Kyle, 14-1 Our Silven, Hi-Tech Honda, 18-1 others.

1991: BANDOL 9-0 Pat Eddery (10-11 fev) 5 Hills 11 ran

1991: REGAL CREST 3-8-1 J Carroll (16-1) J Berry 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

MAN FROM ELDORADO best Luchiroverte nk in 8numer listed race at Goodwood (1m 2f, good to firm)
in May. MARCHAM 7f4 4th of 10 to Corrupt in
seted race at Kengton (1m, good) last Merch;
SOLEIL DANCER 3/s/18th of 15 to Osario in group
If City of Portsmouth Stakes at Goodwood (7f, good) in August with MY MEMORS 3/s 6th
SOLEIL DANCER 3/s/18th of 15 to Osario in group
If City of Portsmouth Stakes at Goodwood (7f, good) in August with MY MEMORS 3/s 6th
ARIOS nk 2nd of 14 to Early Star in Southwell (AW,
7th handlosp. MY MEMORS 3/s 6th of 11 to Alhipaz
in Lingfield (AW, 1m 2f). SHOT STOPPER 3/s 3rd of 5

12.30 Diamond Cut.

1.05 Kentish Piper. 1.40 Sendai. 2.15 Kalogy. 2.45 Sparking Flame. 3.15 Selaah.

3.45 Winter Squall.

DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

kmy's Friend, 4-1 Two Moves in Front, 6-1 Night Melocky, 8-1 Gold Desire, 10-1 Totals op, 14-1 others.

4.45 Big Leap. 5.15 Equity Card.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating 3.40 SUPER SALLY.

Montendre, if he can reproduce the form that enabled him to be placed in both the Cork and Orrery Stakes and the Diadem Stakes at Ascot last season, will be a tough nut to crack in the Cammidge Trophy. At Newbury, I like the look

of Sendar's chance of winning the Hoechst Panacur EBF Mares Only Final even with 12 stone on her back. and she is my nap.

Being by Le Moss out of a

nare who won a three-mile hurdle in Ireland, Sendai will relish today's trip. Her winning sequence was interrupted. For only when she encountered Thetford Forest at Warwick.

In light of the way that Thetford Forest then went on to win the Sun Alliance Hurdle at Cheltenham, defeat on that occasion was clearly anything but a disgrace.

Book Of Gold can initiate a

double for Sendar's trainer, Josh Gifford, by winning the Mitsubishi Shogun Trophy. The Brown Chamberlin

Handicap can go to Solidasarock now that he will be racing over three miles again after appearing to fail to stay three and a half miles at Haydock last time in a valuable handicap won by the subsequent Gold Cup winner,

5 205- RACE TO TIME 52J (C.G) R Aleborst 49-2 T Quinn 8 8 2-00 BROUGHTON BLUES 21 (E.C.S) W Mysson 48-1 7 0036 EVENING AFFAIR 11 (B.R) W Hokien 6-7-7 N Adams 5 7'4 Modesto, 5-2 Casplen Belaga, 4-1 Munday Deen; 8-1 Rising Tempo, 10-1 Race To Time, Evening Affair, 12-1 other.

3.50 FREDK ROE CLAIMING STAKES

1 0222 CELLITO 16 (V.BF) W O'Gorman 8-11 2 113- CRANFIELD COMET 217 (B.D.F.S) J Berry 8-11 3 3566 IT'S ONLY MONEY 26 (0.5) T Caldwell 58 Stephen De

4 -000 SARUK 11 J Bridger 8-1 N Adems 8 5 000- CORLEY FLOWER 188 P Cundel 8-0 E Johnson 1 6 PSEANTE N Calleghan 7-4 Canfield Coinet, 9-4 Califo, 4-1 k's Coly Money, 10-1 Saruk, 12-1 Ipellanta, 16-1 Corley Flower.

4.20 LANCASTER MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O:£878:61) (4).

5-4 Easy Does It, 6-4 High Success: 6-1 Great Hell, 8-1 Jar

4.50 BEAUFORT HANDICAP (£1,260: 1m 2f) (9)

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1 2212 AWESOME POWER 11 (BF,CD,S) C Nelson 69-13

D Thompson (7) 2

440- TEXAN CLAMOUR STJ (C,F) J Moore 4-84

R PTGs (5) 1

3 6-31 DAZZLE THE CROWD 11 (CD) C Cyzer 4-9-1

T Quinn 6

4 -SS2 BEAU DADA 18 (F,G) J Write 44-0 J Wilsens 3 5 4214 MERISEYSIDE MAN 18 (V,CD,F) J Soargil 9-1 (Francis Control of the Co

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3.20 ABBEY LIFE HANDICAP (£1,576: 1m 4f) (7)

1 1411 MODESTO 18 (CD.G.S) K Cunningham-Brown 4-10-0

1 1411 MODESTO 18 (CJ), (LS) K Clumminum-power 477 2 00-3 RISING TEMPO 14 (C) C Cyzer 4-9-12... W Nownes 6 3 10-4 MUNDAY DEAN 21 (D.G) D Arbuthrot 4-99 4 0-21 CASPIAN BELLIGA 11 (CD) Mrs A Knight 4-95 O Paurs (7) 1

Doncaster

Goling: good.

1.40 (SI) 1. CLASSIC STORM (J Carrol, 5-1); 2. Shadow Jury (K Darley, 6-1); 3. Egg (Alex Greaves, 12-1); ALSO RAN-15-8 tav Ulkam's Lady, 5 Badanoch Burmer, 11-2 Purbeck Centenrary, 12 Luckifosome (4th), 14 Nellie's Gamble (Sit), 16 Chettenham Windows, Spotland Lass, 20 Genesis Four, Costa Verde, Mantispieces (6th), What Bliss 14 ran. 3, 24, 24, 341, 311, 111 J Berry at Cockertsam. Tota: 94.10; 190, 52.80, £4.90, DF: 521.40. CSF: 540.00 Imin 03 47-sec. No bid.

2.10 (1m 22 80yd) 1, 1 PERCEIVE (Geraldins Rees, 12-1); 2, Phil-Blaice (Elane Mellor, 20-1); 3, Princess Rosanne (Celias Radbend, 6-1 tav); 4, Passico (Elane Bronson, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Crosby Place, 8 uzzards Crest, 9 Scotoni, 10 Ballerins Bey (6th), Lots Of Luck (5th), 14 Roses Have Thome, Raswn, 16 Latin Quartet, Catrolis Merc, 25 Priceless Faritasy. Give Me Hope, Glenscar, Golden Beau, 40 Brown Carpet, 50 Klog Ferdinand, Northern Lion, Olazz, Rag Time Beffe. 22 ran. NR: Un Souvenan. 7, 351, 241, 251, sh hd F Lee at Wilmslow. Tota: E12 20: 52.70. E7 60, 52.00, 53.70. DF 5231 50. CSF: 5216 68. Tricass: 1450 44 2mm 13.60sec.

11450 44 2mm 13.63sec.
2.40 (1m) 1, KING OF CHANCE (J. Weaver, 13-2); 2, State Dancer (L. Dettori, 14-1); 3, Abso (J. Rext. 14-1); 4, Rousitto (R. Cochrane, 14-1) ALSO RAN: 11-2 fav Pyrichley Night, 7 Vegus Dancer, 12 Margo Mania (6th), Nordic Brave (5th), 14 Capital Bond, 16 En Attendant, Lord Oberon, Stylish Gent, Fodien Touch, 25 Just A Step. Too Eager, 33 Wed Prospect, Servijaya, Bengal Tiper, 50 Northern Printer 19 ran, 5h hd, 1 ½1, 2½1, 2½1, 1½1, 14-1 American Scientific Sc



WARESURS TO THE TERM AND THE TRANSPORTED TO THE TRA 3.10 (2m 27) 1, Coloridge (G Carter, 50-1); 2, Bardolph (8-1); 3, Tamerpour (13-2 hish); 4, Dorn Wac (12-1), Kaylest 13-2 hish v. 18 rsn. M.), 31, D Strew. Tote: 284.50; 216.30, 52.10, 52.20, 52.40 DF 5558.50. Trio (arry two from first three with arry other); 512.90. CSF: 5379.00. Tricast: 52596.01. 12090.01 3.40 (1m) 1, Miznaya (Pet Eddery, 10-1): 2. Giasgow (5-2 fav); 3, Sudanor (14-1), 17 ran, 2 fd, nk, M Stoute, Tota: £14.20; £3.40, £2.00, £4.80. DF: £17.70. CSF: 236.43. 235.43. 4.10 (57 1, Amron (N Carisle, 7-1); 2. Pankin (25-1); 3, Never 3o Sure (15-2). Maid Welcome 6-1 lav. 15 ran. 3l, 1%1, J Berry. Tote: 25.90; 22.00, 55.70, 23.20. DF: £151.40, CSF: £144.96. Tricast: £1,227.84. Placepot: £817.30.

Newbury

Going: good 2.00 (2m 4f 120yd hdie) 1, Fair Crossing (P Scudemore, 5-2 tev: Richard Evens's nap): 2, Cairon Junior (7-1): 3, Peace Others (33-1): 22 ran, NP: Cruise Party, 3, 1). C Brooks. Tote: 53.40; 51.60; 52.30, 524.80. DF: 514.70. CSF: 523.43. 234.60. DF: £14.70. CSF: £23.43.
2.30 (2m 44 ch) 1, Do Be Brief (M Pitman, 45 fav); 2. Gastier Froite (14-1); 3, Brancon Pter (9-2), 4 ren. 151, 10t. Mre J Pitman, Tote: £1.50. DF: £5.70. CSF: £8.25.
3.00 (3m 27 82yd ch) 1, Topasham Bay (H Davies, 7-2); 2. The Laggett (11-4 fav); 3, All Jed (6-1), 6 ren. 6; 2. D Barons: Tote: £4.40; £1.60. £1.30. £2.20. DF: £8.70. CSF: £13.90. Thoest £52.46.
3.51 (3m 120 et) 1, Goldan Archic (FI Sept. 11.0 390. I Floorer 1302-90.
3.50 (3m 125/d httls) 1. Golden Arctic (R. Durwoody, 4-1); 2, Yeaman Metro (12-1); 3, Ebony Gale (6-2), Val D'Authle 2-1 fav. 8 nh. Hd. (8). N. Henderson. Tota: 24.30; 21.50, E3.20. DF; 222.00. (SSF: 23342. \$1.50, (3).20. by the first transfer of the control CSF £5.63.
4.30 (2m 100yd hdie) 1, King Gredo (A Magure, 4-5 fav); 2, Elegant Stranger (1); 3, Armo Chilone (12-1); 5 ran, MR: Olveston, 8, 71 S Woodman Tota: \$1.50; £1.30, £1.70 DF: £3.00, CSF: £4.47.

Ludlow

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Georg: good (good to firm in places)

1.50 (2m ch) 1, Tributs To Youth (W
Marston, 11-2); 2, Maudisna Cross (2-1
fey); 3, Etile Boy (4-1), 7 mm, 10, 274, 0
Nicholson, Tote: 55.50; 22.30, 51.50, DF:

27.50 CSF: \$15.51.

2.20 (2m http:) 1, Saint Bene't (J)
Caleghan, 5-1); 2, Ve Utu (13-2); 3,
Linchmore Lad (12-1), No Heart Feelings 7-4
fey, 14 mm, Nit: Dancing Tudor, Sh Nd,
1½, P Hessiam, Toto: 25.40; \$1.90, \$1.50,
\$28.90, DF: \$10.90, CSF: \$235.53.

2.59 (2m 4f ch) 1, Lindett (G McCourt, 2-5) 2.50 (2m 4t ch) 1, Liadett (G McCourt, 2-5

Jackpot: 21,908.60. Placepot: 279.80.

Aintree type

DO BE Brief, the horse bought by Jenny Pitman with the intention of winning a Grand National, continued his education with a 15length victory in the Betterton Chase at Newbury yesterday. Do Be Brief was left with the prize at his mercy when Retail Runner, upsides and travelling equally well, fell two fences out.

Pitman said: "He's a proper Aintree type, but we are in no hurry. He could run in the National next year, but per-haps not until 1994."

Racing next week MONDAY: Folkestone, Hexham.

TUESDAY: Sandown Park, Leices-WEDNESDAY: Catterick Bridge, THURSDAY: Brighton, Wolverhampton, Taunton. FRIDAY: Beverley, Wincanton. SATURDAY: Ascot, Beverley, Warwick, Southwell.

(Flat meetings in bold)

C1: 44,407: 271 (UUYO) (9 RUTHERS)

0012 STATAJACK SB (B.D.G) (Mrs M Stede) D Eleworth 12:0

.831 ARABIAN BOLD 8 (D.G) (Sheikh Amin Dehlawd) N Hender

222122 GALLATEEN 14 (D.F) (E Medden) G Richterds 10:9

.122 AMIGOS 32 (D.BF.G) (P O'Suffeven) P Mitchell 10:6

.231 DIAMOND CUT 37 (D.G) (B Keey) G Balding 10:8

.231 DIAMOND CUT 37 (D.G) (F Bern) M Pipe 10:6

.2015 FANLIGHT 14 (D.S) (C Hollend) R Akshurst 10:8

.514 CADENCY 14 (D.G) (B Schmidt-Bodner) M Tompkins 10:1

1301 KEEN VISION 87 (D.G) (C Osborne) D Arbufnest 10:0 Long handloap: Keen Vision 9-12.
BETTING: 3-1 Diamond Cirt, 7-2 Cadency, 4-1 Arabian Bold, 11-2 Mister Major, 6-1 Amigos, 6-1 Statejad 10-1 Gellatiean, 20-1 others. fav); 2. Automoutheechatey (11-9; 3. Smooth Start (20-1), 8 ran, 21, 201, M Pipe. Tota: £1.80; £1.10, £1.40. DF; £1.90. SF: £1.89. 3.20 (2m hdie) 1, Jammy The Gille (G McCourt, 10-11 tay); 2. King's Rarity (Evens); 3. Commodity Broker (68-1), 6 ran, NR: Ragten Ledy, 20, 3. S Christian. Tote: £2.20; £1.20, £1.10, DF; £1.20, CSF: £2.00. 1.05 MITSUBISHI SHOGUN TROPHY NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£6,937: 2m 4f) (7 runners) 22.00.
3.50 (3m ch) 1. Cantord Paim (Mr M Felton, 8-4); 2. Gerden Centre Boy (88-1); 3. Eastern Destiny (5-4 fay), 12 nat. 4, 13. M Felton, Tota: 23.70; 21.50, 29.70, 21.10. DF: 257.10. CSF: 292.81.
4.20 (2m 51 hdle) 1. Fleuroone (7 Weil, 14-1); 2. Mineral Dust (14-1); 3. Lobric (9-1). Fairways On Terget 7-4 fay. 12 nan. 10, 25. Whits. Tota: 215. 10; 23.70, 23.90, 24.00. DF: 2287.30. CSF: E178.58. Tricast 21.699.08. Placapot: 234.40. BETTING: 13-8 Book Of Gold, 5-1 Sebeld River, 6-1 Glen Cherry, 7-1 Kentish Piper, 8-1 Icanus, 10-1 South Harvest, 12-1 Avenburn. Do Be Brief

1991: STRONG GOLD 8-10-8 B de Hean (9-1) Mrs J Pitmen 11 ran FORM FOCUS ICARUS 171 4th of 9 to Bradbusy Star at Sanctown
(2m 4f, good to firm) with SABAIG RIVER 2½ 6th.
SABAIKI RIVER beat Bettene The Smith 10t here
(2m 160yd, good). BOOK OF GOLD beat Time Star
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1.40 HOECHST PANACUR EBF MARES ONLY NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (Final: 28,845: 2m 4f 120yd) (16 runners) BBC1 Long Nundleap: Miss Purbook 9-13, Morpion 9-12, River Pearl 9-10, Letterlore 9-9, Will She Wont She 9-7, Pollerton's Pride 9-5, Island Run 9-5, Pennethome Place 9-2.

BETTING: 2:1 Sanda; 5-1 Shitton Lane, 8-1 Letterlore, River Pearl, 7-1 Stormy Dreams, 8-1 Geelstrom, 12-1 Nicombi, Will She Wont She, 25-1 others.

1991; FLAKEY DOVE 5-10-2 D Tegg (6-1) R Price 14 ren FORM FOCUS

FORM FOCUS

GAELIC MYTH beet Old Talks River 3I at 15-runner Leopardistown (1m 2l. ylekting to actt) handicap. LINPAC WEST 11 2nd of 22 to Hierogryphic in veligible handloap here (1m 4l. pood to soft) with KARAZAN 22nd. SUPER SALLY hid 2nd of 11 to Pytchiey Hight in Lingdield (AW. 1m) handloap with SHAKE TOWN (128) worse off) 111/4 9th; previously beet Use Dollar 11 in 6-runner handloap over same course and distance with GO EXECUTIVE (17b worse off) 31/4 5th. MONTPELIER BOY hampered 2f out when 61/61 3rd of 14 to Halkopous in Newbury (1m 3t, good) handloap with JIMLIL 221/61 13th. PELORUS beat Rive-

RICHARD EVANS 2.30 Porest Tiger. 3.40 ROSEATE LODGE

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, A Proud T Sprake (5) L Dettori M Roberts S Perks

N R Swinburn
Pat Eddery
B Raymond
K Darley

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J Reid

RICHARD EVANS

1.40 Stormy Dreams.

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.... J Twomey (7)

_ R Guest

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Jumelle 11 in 20-runner apprentices handicap at Newmarket (im 21, good to firm), MUDAFFAR 31st 3rd of 18 to Barkerville in Newbury (im 11, good) handicap, DOMIGSKY nk 2nd of 8 to Appasing Times in Lingfield (AW, 71) handicap with LANGUE-DOC (5ib better of) 17si 8th. ROSEATE LODGE, 11st 2nd of 16 to Ledy of The Fen in Southwell (AW, 51) handicap, LANGUEDOC beat GASBIADINI (3th better off) 3rt in 12-runner Lingfato (AW, im) handicap in November, GLASSBLOWER beat Thin Red Line 14th in 5-runner Brighton (1m 21, good to firm) handicap in August.
Selection: SUPER SALLY

4.15 CAMMIDGE TROPHY (Listed race: £9,218: 6f) (10 runners)

1991: PALACE STREET 4-9-2 J Williams (5-1) G Belding 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

POLE POSITION 6741 5th of 10 to Septleme Clei in group I Prix De La Foret at Longohemp (71, good).

MONTENDRE 21/41 4th of 12 to Shaadee in letted race over course and distance good to soit) with and NOTLEY (seeme terms) 21 5th and LETSSEONESTABOUTIT 10741 10th; previously 31/41 and of 16 to Shatford in group II Diadem Stakes

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4.45 INSUREX EXPO-SURE GROUP HANDICAP

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1	(10)	211020-	SYLVAN 188 (F,G) (Mrs R Nesse) C Walt 9-7 N Day	62
2	(14)	311510-	MISUNDERSTANDING 133 (C.D.F.G) Mrs. J. Remoden 0.5 J. Wester (7)	96
3	`œń	.210240-	PAGEBUY 106 (F) (Lotd Scarsdale) P Heelem 9.3 Date Gibson	89
	(21)	20001-	MAJOR'S LAW 150 (S) (C Diley) C British 9-3 M Roberts	90
	(13)	1-	REEL OF TULLOCH 278 (D,G) (Lord Scenedale) P Hastern 8-13 Dean McKeown	90
	(3)	10-	BIG LEAP 164 (F) (Ecune Fustok) M Moubersk 8-11 L Dettori	90
	(2)	499145	TRY LEGUARD 14 (D,G) (J Deveney) W Certer 8-11 J Reid	95
	69	EAL1991	EARLY STAR 7 (D) (E Buck) T Barron 8-10 Alex Greeves	50
		20-1201	LECTIVE FAME 140 (D) IS BATON O' IV.	91
	(19)	540	LIFETIME FAME 148 (B) (E Landi) J Payne 86	80
	Ŋ	042-	AMTHAAL 145 (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-5 Pat Eddery	97
	(19)	641020-	LOMBARD OCEAN 157 (F) (L F Warehousing Ltd) M O'Nell 83 J Fortune	87
	(18)	024-251	EASTLEIGH 7 (J Bigg) 7 Hollinshead 6-1	98
13	(9)	131204	BUDDY / (G) (E and B Productions) M Bell B-0	94
14	(6)	00002-	SOVEREIGN ROCK 133 (P Howell) R Hannon 8-0 W Careon	99
	(i)	03004-	CREPT OUT 135 (W Barker) Miss S Hatl 7-13 F Norton (5)	94
18	(12)	040230-	STOPROVERITATE 128 (J Clark) S Norton 7-9 L Charnock	97
	(17)	440450-	SPOT THE EARLYBIRD 147 (Skyline Rucing Ltd) N Tinider 7-8 Kim Tinider	67
	(16)	000-	FREEPHONE 183 (Amity Finance Ltd) J Hills 7-8	80
	(20)	316003-	DOUBLE FEATURE 140 (G) (K Wheldon) Mrs J Ramaden 7-7 J Lowe	97
	(4)	D_RR	FIRST GOLD 29 (J Ashby) J Wharton 7-7	76
	ä	4226D	STAG NIGHT 225 (P Sevin) C Tinider 7-7	96
		——————————————————————————————————————	Olive incert CED (C Sept) C 1111000 1-7	80

Long handlosp: First Gold 7-5, Stag Night 7-2.
BETTING: 5-1 Sovereign Rock, 11-2 Amthael, 6-1 Double Festure, 8-1 Essieigh, 10-1 Big Leap, 12-1 Early Star, Misunderstanding, 14-1 Buddy, Major E. Lew, 18-1 Lombard Ocean, Red 07 Tulloch. 1991: RESHIFT 3-8-12 C Pollard (5-1) M Bell 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

MiSUNDERSTANDING best Alive And Kicking 1½ in 14-runner nursery here (1m. good to firm) on EASTLEIGH best Blake in 14-runner nursery here (1m. good to firm) on End Bit at Southwell (AW, 61, SOVEREIGN ROCK 51½ in 9-runner Chester (61, good to soft) maiden. EASTLEIGH best Blake End Bit at Southwell (AW, 61, SOVEREIGN ROCK 51½ in 19-runner Chester (61, good to firm) maiden. EASTLEIGH best Blake End Bit at Southwell (AW, 61, SOVEREIGN ROCK 51½ in 11th DOUBLE FEATURE II 3rd of 18 to Nemiclacy with BUDDY (40 bester of) 1¾ in 14 bit AMTHAAL 34 2nd of 18 to Deserve in Lingfield

5.15 MARCH MAIDEN STAKES (£2,511: 1m 6f 192yd) (14 runners)

1991: NATIVE MISSION 4-8-11 B Raymond (7-1) Jimmy Fitzgerald 18 ran **COURSE SPECIALISTS** TRAINER\$

Nash is improving rapidly

BETTING: 13-2 Super Sally, 8-1 Maggle Siddons, 10-1 Roseste Lodge, 12-1 Domickety, 14-1 Greek Myth, High Low, 18-1 Berford Lad, Linges West, Democratic, 20-1 Pelorus, Go Executive, Gabbledini, 25-1 others.

1991: AMENABLE 68-1 Alex Greaves (22-1) T Berron) 25 ran

THE amateur jockey Philippa "Pip' Nash is making a rapid recovery and is off the danger list at the Queen's Medical Centre in Nottingham. Mrs Nash, who suffered head injuries from a fall at Nottingham on Tuesday, is now out of intensive care. She regained consciousness on Thursday and was taken off a life support machine.

2.15 FINAL NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £1,772: 2m 100yd) (18 runners) BETTING: 6-2 Kalogy, 3-1 Billy Bathgate, 5-1 Piper's Son, 6-1 Mr Jamboree, 10-1 Bardesan, Rocky Park.
1991: BEN ADHEM 9-11-0 R Teegus (20-1) H Candy 24 ran

2.45 BROWN CHAMBERLIN HANDICAP CHASE (£5,117: 3m) (6 runners) Long handicapt Larksmore 6-11.
BETTING: 6-4 Sparkling Flame, 3-1 Arctic Call, 5-1 Pitth Amendment, 7-1 Solidanarock, 14-1 Seagram. 1991: BUCKSHEE BOY 9-10-0 D Tegg (10-1) J Pilkington 9 ran

3.15 FINAL NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £1,758: 2m 100yd) (12 runners)

BASSE TERRE 1907F (Mrs M James) D Nicholson 8-11-7 R Duriwoody
4-0P0 CHARLIE MINGUS 73 (Mrs S Alexander) M Robinson 5-11-7 R Duriwoody
4-0P0 CHARLIE MINGUS 73 (Mrs S Alexander) M Robinson 5-11-7 ILawrence
8 LUSTY LIGHT 61 (B Burrough) Mrs J Pitmen 6-11-7 M Pitman
4 5-30823 RAFIKI 36 (S) (Mrs K Stuser) Mrs J Retter 7-11-7 M A Fitzgerald (3)
5 SELAAH 140F (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktounn) M Stoute 5-11-7 P Niven
6 190134 TWILIGHT RAIN 37 (D.F.S) (W Sturt) J Old 5-11-7 C Liewellyn
F45FPF VIASCORIT 58 (D.F.) (Miss S French) Mrs J French 10-11-7 Miss S French
8 WOODHAY HILL (J Henderson) N Henderson 7-11-7 D Musphy
9 0 NAMASTE 14 (J Galvanon) R Rowe 4-11-0 H Device
10 0 STRIEET KID 18 (G Savvert) R Johnson Houghton 4-11-0 Mr G Johnson Houghton
10 0 SWIFT ROMANCE 147F (Mrs N Durfheld) Mrs P Dutfleid 4-11-0 Mr G Johnson Houghton
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P Niven

C Llewellyn

Miss 8 French

56 BETTING: 11-8 Seetah, 5-1 Lusty Light, 5-1 Rafiki, Woodhay Hill, 7-1 Twilight Rain, Yorkshire Gale. 1991: CAPSIZE 5-11-7 K Mooney (3-1 fav) Mrs F Walwyn 20 ran

3.45 SPRING NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,235: 2m 100yd) (25 numbers)

J Kavanagh R Milner (7) HECTOR HOOLIGAN (Ars R Sangster) N Henderson 5-11-8.

8 HOLY MACKEREL 14 (Ars C Weis) N Handerson 5-11-8.

9 KELLY MENDOZA 21 (Mrs J Gilder) D Nicholson 6-11-8.

9 CRILLY MENDOZA 21 (Mrs J Gilder) D Nicholson 6-11-8.

Wiley C Green Strate S R Greene (5) A Skelton (7) P Davies (7)
V P Donogram (7)
Mr M Armytage
Mr C Burnett Wells (7)
Miss S French T Futler (7) S Curran (7)
D Meade (7) J McCabe (7) Thompson (7)

BETTING: 11-4 Hector Hooligan, 3-1 Winter Squall, 7-2 Rosemoss, 4-1 Tudor Fable, 10-1 Celtio Gamble. 1991; GIPSY DAWN 5-10-10 B Califord (83-1) C Baryell 23 ran **COURSE SPECIALISTS**

Winners Runners Percent JOCKEYS Rides Percent : 32.5 R Supple 21.3 P Scudemore 21.3 M Perrett 20.4 R Dunwoody 20.0 J Osborne 18.8 G McCourt (Not including yesterday's results)

Sabatini and Sánchez Vicario to meet in Florida final as men ponder the serve problem

Foot fault change is preferred

FROM ANDREW LONGMORE, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT IN KEY BISCAYNE

IT WAS mainly jaw-jaw at the Lipton International yesterday as representatives of all sections of the game gathered to discuss the speed of the game. The war war could come later, if the International Tennis Federation (ITF). which has already caused a stir this week by proposing to abolish the "let" rule, takes action on its favoured option of returning to the pre-1959 foot fault law whereby players have to keep one foot ground-ed behind the baseline until

the ball is hit "That would be the easiest way of slowing down the game," Tony Gathercole, spokesman for the ITF's rules committee, told a seminar, organised by the Association of Tennis Professionals, yesterday. "There would obviously have to be a test period before we changed anything and the players would need 12-18 months' notice so that they could get used to it."

The idea has already been discussed by the ITF, but, as yet, there has been no firm commitment to implementing it. The ITF - and, it seems on the evidence of yesterday's debate, many people in the game — have not yet been convinced that tennis does need to be slowed down. We are concerned about the quality of the game and its spectator value. But it is not yet proven that anything needs to be done. But if it does what should be done?" The foot fault change is preferable to altering the dimensions of the court, which would be too

costly, Gathercole added. Such a change might not go down too well with the big-servers, who already feel they are being picked on. "Will they take away Jim Courier's forehand or cut off Chang's feet? Those are their big weapons. I think there is some discrimination against

Cambridge

suffer in

the big-servers," David Wheaton, a Wimbledon semi-finalist and a member of the players panel at yesterday's forum, said.

Grass provided the most dramatic evidence of the growing pace of play. In an analysis of eight Wimbledon finals between 1969 and 1991, the ATP found that the time of the average point had dropped from 3.8sec in the 1970s to 2.7sec last year. Partly because of the in-creased length of time between changeovers and between points, the amount of time the ball was actually in play during an hour had been reduced from 7min 18sec to 3min 55sec. Food for thought for the All England Club at

Steffi Graf was another concerned with the service. She was appailed at her own as she let a promising start turn into an all too familiar 3-6, 7-6, 6-1 defeat by Gabriela Sabatini in the semi-final

Sabatini, who meets Arantxa Sánchez Vicario in an the final today, has Graf's number these days. She has won six of their last seven matches and leads 7-1 in Florida. No wonder Graf, who has a house in the state, does not want to live here

London: Turkey were thrown out of the 1992 Davis Cup by the international federation after failing to make arrangements to host a match against Cyprus in May. The Cyprus team, unable to gain Turkish visas, have been given a walkover. Earlier this month, a Turk-

ish request for the tie to be held in a neutral country was rejected. Turkey invaded Cyprus in 1974. They still hold the northern part of the island, but their claim to it is internationally



Taste of victory: Sabatini celebrates another defeat of Graf

a disconsolate figure as he

He deserved some sympa

thy. A seven at the 18th,

where he hit his second into

the water provided

Montgomerie much on

which to ponder. His drive

had finished in a hole in the

rough from where he tried to

dig the ball out with a three

Montgomerie shapes the

ball from left to right and,

with the water to the right

and the pin 206 yards ahead.

it appeared rather ambitious

of him to attempt to find the

target. The ball crashed on to

rocks and ricocheted into the

He would do well to look

back on another shot which.

though witnessed by only a

handful of spectators, must

rank as one of the finest of his

career. At the 15th he was

blocked out by a bush, but,

with the pin bending in the wind 180 yards ahead, he

bent a five iron shot around

the bush on to the green.

shuffled away.

Woosnam slides from top

FROM MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT, IN ORLANDO

foursomes IAN Woosnam yesterday forfeited the No. 1 place in the CAMBRIDGE suffered an Sony world rankings when he unexpected serback in the failed to survive the halfway foursomes of the University cut in the Nestle Invitational golf match at Deal yesterday tournament here on the Bay (John Hennessy writes). Strong favourites to register Woosnam has held pole their sixth victory in position for 48 weeks, but

successive years, an achieveeither Fred Couples or Nick ment last recorded, by Ox-Faldo will be in the No. I place when The Players' ford, at the turn of the last Championship begins on Thursday. Couples, however, century, they were beaten by 3 to l 2. must win and Faldo, despite Oxford seemed to have genwinning only one tournaerated greater team spirit ment in the last 16 months. and, on the technical side, would seem most likely to Peter Green, a former Walker return to the top.

The Welshman indicated Cup player turned profession-

al, looked to have worked before this tournament, only his third in three months, This was no more apparent than in the top match, in groove and by attaching a second round of 74 to his opening 76, he confirmed his which Cambridge opened with the formidable force of Bryan Ingleby, captain last year, and Chris Ambler, own worst fears. The one bright spot was an eagle three at the 16th, but he finished In the event, they hardly with a total of 150, six over

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got a look in. Simon Jenkins, par. profiting from the experience Woosnam is worried about of caddying on the European his putting. But his usually tour, and Frank Cadiz, a well-oiled swing is also causing him concern. The blus-Zimbabwean, were four up at the turn in the morning, sevtery conditions presented en up at lunch and still seven additional problems, but up at the 30th when Ambier Woosnam was wilder than missed the green. usual off the tee. He will need

Results, page 37 at The Players' Champion-

FRANCE

ship next week to be in the right frame of mind for his defence of the New Orleans Classic, let alone the Masters.

Two birdies in the first six holes gave Woosnam something on which to build, but as the wind freshened so the Welshman was blown off course. He had three bogies in succession from the 7th, turned in 38 and thereafter searched for inspiration with

Meanwhile Colin Montgomerie retired to the clubhouse grill to digest his disappointment, following a second round of 78, which gave him a score of 149. Bernhard Langer took 73 for 148 and he felt he would be fortunate to escape the guillo-



Couples: win a must

EQUESTRIANISM

Leng cautious with Master

Craftsman

Quirós moves into lead at halfway stage

THE Spanish domination of this season's European golf tour continued today as Juan Quirós fired an 11-birdie 65 to establish a two-stroke halfway lead in the Portuguese Open at Vila Sol.

Steve Richardson, also missed the cut after going out eight on the long 11th.

José-Maria Olazábal, José Rivero and Severiano Ballesteros, who have won five of the seven titles so far and lead the Order of Merit, are all absent this week but Quiros kept his country's flag flying high despite having four bogeys. His birdie haul was only one short of Fred

him to joint fifth at six-under.

Too many games and too little time to rest

ENGLAND'S attempt to win the cricket World Cup for the first time, which began so well, has faitered under the weight of injuries. For the last group match on Wednesday — an embarrassing de-feat by Zimbabwe — they struggled to field 11 fit players and since their campaign began four weeks ago, more than half the squad has been iniured or ill.

Yet, when the party left for New Zealand in December, it was widely proclaimed the fittest England team to leave these shores. Bad luck or bad preparation? Over-trained or mder-trained? The cynics, needless to say, have had a field day.

Players, physiotherapists and doctors specialising in sports injuries, however, seem agreed that the nature of the modern game, with its far greater physical denands, and on this occasion the structure of the World Cup itself, have much to do with England's problems and indeed the other teams in the competition, whose injuries have received rather less coverage here.
Tom McNab, the leading

athletics coach who super vised the England rugby team's physical preparations during the Rugby World Cup, said: "What we are asking is. is the nature of the tourna ment antithetical to the health of the players?" The answer seems to be a resounding "yes".

"I'm not surprised by the injuries, it is such an appall-ingly structured tour, with high pressure games and constant travel. Take the shambles in Ballarat when they had to change hotels

England's injuries seem to have abated in time for the final stages of the cricket World Cup. Peter Ball

investigates why so many players have been spending matches on the treatment table and not the pitch

enough," Dr John King, the director of the department of Sports Medicine at London Hospital Medical College,

John Brewer, the head of the Human Performance Centre at the Football Association's Sports Medicine Institute at Lilleshall, who supervised the team's fitness preparations, is equally scathing. "They are playing once every three or four days." Brewer, who has just returned from Australia,

"In the day-night matches they don't get back to the hotel until the early hours, they get a few hours' sleep and then it's off to the next venue - three to four hours on a plane and the inevitable hour at the airport either end. Then they have to prac-tice. The most important thing in fitness is rest and recovery time, and they are

not getting any.

"But the biggest problem of all is running on a squad of 14. In the Football World Cup, they played less games, and had squads of 22." Cricket itself, by the spo-

radic nature of its demands. lends itself to pulls and strains. The injuries in Australia have led some experts to question the preparations, but Brewer insists that the players were correctly pre"Had they not prepared as well as they did, there could well have been more injuries," he said.

That suggests that the tournament itself, combining excessive travel, inadequate rest and a series of short space of time, puts unbearable demands on the players. "Intensity combined with short recovery periods is a recipe for injuries,' McNab said.

Yet, the cricketers are the only international team to go abroad without its own doctor, an astonishing omission.
"It is quite worrying." Dr
Tom Crisp, the medical adviser to Essex, said. "I'm sure that Lawrie Brown [the physiotherapist] is capable of dealing with the common things: I am not sure that any physiotherapist can always correctly diagnose the un-common things and the local services are not always all that they should be."

Crisp approached Ted Dexter and Micky Stewart before the tour, but was told that there was no money available to pay for a doctor.
But the England women's hockey team took both a doctor and a sports psychologist with it on its trip to

To be fit for one-day cricket means being mentally alert for three hours," King said. "A sports psychologist with the team is at least as important as a doctor in enabling it to cope with stress."

It is ironic that England are as close tomorrow, when they meet South Africa in Sydney in the semi-final, to having a full complement of players to choose from as at any time in the World Cup.

tine. Montgomerie's first tilt at the US PGA Tour ap-peared to be over. He looked

Christy O'Connor Jr lies second with Anders Forsbrand, of Sweden, after his second successive 68, but his uncie, Christy Sr. aged 67, invited to play with borrowed clubs while on holiday in the Algarve, chose not to hand his card in after adding an 83 to his opening 79.

The defending champion, of bounds and taking an

Couples's tour record.

Quiros's round stood as a John Huston, of the United course record for a mere 20 States, held the early halfway minutes, because Peter Selead, following a 71 for a score of 139. Nick Faldo and nior, of Australia, blasting nine birdies in a 64 that lifted David Feherty were among

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FINAL: March 25: Melbourne (04.90). Two extre days have been set aside.

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South Africa uth Africa 195, Sri Lanka 198-7 (R S

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Army win third title in a row half-time when Hanson, a championship since 1976.

Royal Air Force1 BY SYDNEY FRISKIN

A FIGHTBACK by the Army

secured victory over the Royal

Air Force and the Services

Championship for the third

year in succession at Reading

blow with Lee setting up a

chance for Cartmell to score

in the tenth minute. Despite

the hard work of Hazlitt at

ised only two minutes before

The RAF delivered an early

the late starters.

VIRGINIA Leng, the former world and European champion, has withdrawn Master Craftsman and Welton Houdini from the Dynes Hall trials in Essex this weekend after their successful outing at Poplar Park last week (Jenny MacArthur writes).

Leng, who is attempting to regain her place in the team for the Barcelona Olympics, finished ninth on Master Craftsman at the Suffolk horse trials. It was his first outing since April last year.

Dynes Hall has attracted Rodney Powell, the winner of Badminton, Pippa Nolan, the runner-up in the national championships, and Mark Todd, the Olympic champi-

Other Olympic contenders will be at Aldon. Among them is Mary Thompson, a mem-ber of the gold medal win-ning team at Punchestown last summer, with five horses five horses. They include her Olympic hope, King William, and King Boris, who is having his first run since Badsubstitute, forced the ball over the line.

from their third short corner. Hazlitt dummied his shot and Jolly scored with a strong hit, leaving the RAF with a lot of work to do.

The Army needed only a draw to win the title; the RAF had to win. Their hopes faded when the Army's fourth short corner led to a penalty stroke which Hazlitt converted, the ball striking the inside of the centre half the Army equal- post before crossing the line.

tion's rules a complaint can

be made only by a club, asso-

ciation or umpire and not by

a member of the public. As a

result the ban was quashed.

"We really hadn't done anything to deserve a 90-day ban," Parker said. "We never

denied having a heated argu-

ment with him but we had

started it. We were simply

standing up for ourselves."

Slough bans quashed

THE appeals panel of the All-England Women's Hockey Association has overturned the three-month bans on the Slough players, Kate Parker and Denise Shorney (Alix Ramsay writes). The ban, one of the severest in the association's history, was imposed last week after the players had a heated argument with a speciator at the clubs finals at statements to prove that he Crystal Palace. The man later lodged a complaint.

Two minutes after the interval, the Army went ahead

ARMY: Capt J Williams (Royel Signals): Capt P Boxell (RA (Capt)), WOII C Peach (RAPC): Capt J Cotterfi (RA); Li S Hazilti (Infanty); GJ M Bale (RSME); Cpl S Greenock (RAC), sub: Capt M Harson Greenrock (FAC), sub: Capt M Haissen (Royal Signale); Maj I Johy (FA); Cpt K Jorden (RDME); Gar I Gell (RA); Cpt D Antonest (RDME); Gar I Gell (RA); Cpt D Antonest (RDME). ROYAL AN FORCE Fg/O A Seaton; Fg/O K Dempsey; Ft/L1 C Kineber; SAC S Weitren; SqC A Lee (Capt); Sgt M Weitren; Cpt A Lee (Capt); Sgt M Mellin (sub: SAC R Mille); SAC Z Hussein; Ft/L1 N Powell. Umplred: L1 I Bryan (Royal Nevy) and Ft/Sgt A Stalker (RAF).

☐ Brooklands made a promising start in the inter-league championship at Olton and West Warwickshire yesterday with a 3-2 win over Formby. who took the lead from a Berg penalty stroke. Brooklands retaliated with two goals by Skates and another by Bennett just before half-time. Formby cut the lead with a late goal by Bowles. Harleston Magnies established a 3-0 lead in 14 minutes over Oxford Hawks, who pulled back two goals in ten minutes and then failed to

There was, however, some

consolation for the RAF who

won both the under-21 and

convert a penalty stroke.

YACHTING

Tornado finds best of the British off Anzio

FROM BARRY PICKTHALL IN ANZIO

THE Mediterranean was at its most capricious yesterday. but Britain's Tornado Olympic consenders mastered the conditions magnificently to take four of the top ten places at the Italian pre-Olympic regatta here at Anzio.
Tim Robinson and Bruce.

Grant, the two International 14 sailors who are giving this Olympic class their best shot, made a classic port-end start in clear air and rounded the weather mark second to Sweden's Cuoran Marstrom. The British crew then pulled through to the lead on the second beat and went on to take the winning gun. Just as impressive was the

speed of Will Sunnucks and Rob Gutteridge who climbed from eighth to finish third. They were followed by Mike Webb and Ian Furnis (seventh) and Dave Williams and Ian Rhodes in eighth place. Another crew to shine from the start was the Flying

Dutchman pair, Will Henderson and Andy Harrop, who rounded the first mark in third place in their class and picked the shifts better than most on the second beat to take second place at the finish. Barrie Edgington also did well to finish fourth among the Olympic windsurfer class to retain his second place in the overall standings.

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Standings.

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tan Porterfield, the Chelsea manager, is threatening to bring in the young players to ward off post-FA Cup blues. Townsend, again the subject of speculation about his tuture, is absent with a shin briury. United have a Cup score to settle, tuture, is absent with a shin injury. United have a Cup score to settle, though that might be difficult if, as expected, Deane misses the match with a hamstring strain. To make matters worse, Tracay, their excellent goalkeeper, is also doubtful. Bradshew, who received an FA ban after an incident in the earlier meeting, is included in the squad. n off And

Coventry v Oldnam

Coventry, desperate to find greater punch in attack, contemplate partnering Drinkell with Rosario, his former Norwich City colleague. Gallacher is still out with a hamstring injury and Furlong is austring and to win to keep relegation at arm's length. Neither are Oldham out of the woods yet. They are unchanged after halting a run of four consecutive defeats with a win against Notts County. Crystal Palace v Aston Villa

This is no time for Villa to be without Regis, who has scored their only goals in 916 minutes of first division football. He is doubtful with flu, but at least Atkinson has recovered from a hamstring mjury. Brettkreutz, a German, has been promised an extended run in midfield. Thomas, the Palace captain, will have a fitness test before the kick-off that will decide whether or not be is fit. will decide whether or not he is fit for this game and England's inter-national in Czechoslovakia next week. Collymore starts his first League game in place of McGoldnck, who is suspended.

Liverpool v Tottenham Commiserations may be in order, but neither of this week's European losers can afford to lament for long — certainty not Tottenham, who have a relegation struggle on their hands. Ferwick and Van den

people forget that when I

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Ship. Within two minutes

Hateley had helped ensure

that the title would stay in

Giasgow when he unnerved.

the young replacement

Aberdeen goalkeeper with a

A powerful header from a

Walters cross in the first half

and an opportunist snap at

-the rebound from a Johnston

shot in the second secured his

status as the unexpected jewel

in Rangers' retained crown.

He forced his way into Tay-

lor's vision with two spectacu-

lar goals, once more against

Aberdeen, in a League match

His restoration to the Eng-

land squad, after four years.

has been regarded sceptically

by those who do not see nine

goals in 31 games as compel-

ling credentials: Hateley,

though, has a politician's way

with figures. "It was nine in

19 full games and anyway

at Pittodrie in December.

shuddering aerial challenge.

Harwe, both suspended in mid-week, return for them. Liverpool are missing Wright, Houghton and Wat-ters but are still a lot stronger then they have been in recent months. Jones, who was substituted in midweek, is fit. Manchester Utd v Wdon After the midweek defeat to Nottingham Forest, United will be
happy just to win, never mind trying
to emulate Leeds' 5-1 success
against Wimbledon leat week. If
United are to regain the leedership,
possibly for just a day, they must do
so without Parker (harmstring) and
possibly Robson (calf and shin).
Robins and Donaghy are added to
the squad. A tough few weeks for
Wimbledon, who have Arsenal to
follow. Phetan is expected to play,
despite a thigh strain.

Norwich v Everton

Everton may not be capturing the imagination these days but they are still hard to beat, as eight games without defeat would testify. The loss of Watson, their captain, who has gone into hospital for a cartiage operation, will be telt; however, against his former club. With Hinchcliffe also injured, Atteveld, recently on loan to West Ham, may be recalled. Fleck, who has two broken ribs, is out of the Norwich side and doubtful for the FA Cup semi-final. Beckford stands in.

Notim F v Manchester C

Whatever the result, as a spectacle Whatever the result, as a spectacle it has got to be a big improvement on City's dreary defeat last Sunday by Southampton. City are without Pointon, their only ever-present, who injured a knee last week. Redmond, who seeks a transfer. returns after missing two games and Simpson, tan Brightwell and Megson are also challenging for places. Marnott is again preferred to Crossley in the Forest goal. Sheff Wed v Notts County Trevor Francis, the Wednesday manager, has appealed to the Born: November 7, 1961, Liverpool. Son of Tony Hateley, the former Chelses, Liverpool and Coventry City

Pointing the way: Hateley, training with Rangers yesterday, has earned another chance for England

MCEWANS

cal vim and vigour but short

middle of the field and

happy to bypass that area much of the time, It is not a

Genoa and Feyenoord are

hardly the sharp edge of the European front, but they were containingly too good for Liverpool and Tottenham Hotspur respectively, just as Atlenco Madrid had been

for Manchester United, the

Cup Winners Cup holders, earlier in the season — and Arletico were seen off in the quarter finals by FC Bruges

on away goals. It is too early to say how serious, or per-manent. Is the decline in skill in the English game,

England recall caps a transformation for Rangers' once-troubled forward

Hateley at last a happy wanderer

pretty sight.

IT WOULD be imprudent to of creative control in the

over-react to a poor night in

European competition on

Wednesday, but the symp-

toms must bode ill for the

European championship

finals in the summer and for

the short-term future of Eng-

lish international football.

While our spectators have thankfully been improving their attitude during the en-

forced absence from foreign

fields, our teams, self-evi-

The wish, at one time, was

that our footballers could be

more like Brazilians. The

truth now must be that they

are becoming increasingly

dentily, have not.

Venables: sophisticated

By RODDY FORSYTH

DISCARDED by England.

he was not welcome in Scot-

land last season and thou-

sands told him so Saturday

after Saturday. In the week of

his international recall by

Mark Hateley stood in public

A meandering career,

which had carried him from.

Coventry City and Ports-

mouth to Milan and Mona-

co. had brought him to

Glasgow, where he found

himself caught in the fall-out from an internecine struggle.

Graeme Souness; on the oth-

er, Ally McCoist, convinced

that Souness wanted to force

him out of the club after eight

years as the unchallenged fa-

vourite of the supporters.

Hateley scored on his first

a 3-1 victory over Dunferm-line Athletic but, because

McCoist had been relegated

to the bench, this bright start

was overlooked. Although

both were accommodated in

the side for a few weeks, the

November when Hateley as-

sumed the No. 9 shirt and

retained it almost exclusively

in game after game, the

Englishman found himself

jeered by the followers of his

own team because he was

thought of as being Souness's

creature, and an ungainly

one at that. Unaccustomed to

the robust demands of the

more to the point, he was not

had scored ten League goals

from 30 appearances, only

three of which were as a

substitute, while McCoist, by

contrast, had accumulated...

11 goals from 15 starts and

Il as a replacement. Yet,

obscured by the unflattering

statistics was the transforma-

have rated my chances of being selected for England as

very slim because of the way I

was playing," Hateley said yesterday. "But I had confi-dence in the work I was

putting in and I felt that I had

again."

chance of getting back

His breakthrough came in

the deciding match of the

season when Aberdeen came

Chelsea v Sheffield Utd

Coventry v Oldham

This time last year I would

By the end of last season, he

premier division, he could

look gawky and foriorn and.

prolific around goal

until the end of the season.

Scottish League appearance,

On the one side was

esteem this time last year.

Graham Taylor for the match

toneard.

League career: 1878-83: Coventry
City, 93 League appearances, 25
goals, 1983-4: Portamouth, 38, 22,
1884-7: AC Milan, 58, 17, 1987-90:
Monaco, 1990-2: Rangers, 59, 29.
Honours: Monaco: French league
champions, French cup finalists.
Rangers: Scottish league championship, Skol Cup winners.
International career: Debut: 1984 v
Soviet Union. 37 appearances, 9
goals. Last expeerance v Soviet Union
in the 1988 European championship
finals in Germany.

played abmad I didn't get a game for England, yet that was when I learned most of what I know now.

"In Italy and France you get less of the ball so you have to make more of it when it comes. Also, when you're young it's goal, goal, goal on your mind all the time whereas the older player takes up better positions and has a better appreciation of where his team-mates are."

supporters for greater encouragement as his team begins to feel, as it did last season, less and less at home at Hillsborough, Worthington and King are unfit for a game Wadnesday need to win to keep alive those European ambitions. As an indication of how desperate County are, Turner may be asked to play desotte a double hernie.

After four draws in their past five games, Luton ought to be very close to that first away win of the season. This would be an opportune moment to achieve it, with Southampton in the dumps after their cup defeat in midweek. Luton expect to be unchanged. Southampton will be without Dodd, who has suspected medial ilioa-

who has suspected medial liga-ment damage. If so, he will miss the ZDS-final next Sunday against Nottingham Forest. Gitkes, who

West Ham could be heading for a seventh consecutive defeat against one of the division's in-form teams.

Matters are not helped by the absence of Morley and Parris. Breacker, Thomas and Clarke, a

young forward, are brought into the squad. Rengers, who have lost just once in 18 garries, should be

Arsenal v Lecus

Not the kind of game Leeds would have wished for should they need a draw to regain the leadership of the first division. At least, they would not have to win, something they have never done against Arsenal under Howard Wilkinson. The likely raturn of Dorigo should be a fillip to Leeds, for whom. Sterland, their other full back, might also be back. Strechan is expected to recover from a back injury. Arsenal, seven games unbeaten, recall Limpar tor this televised match.

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West Ham v QPR

was cup-tied the squad.

Tomorrow

Arsenal v Leeds

play despite a double hemia.

Southampton v Luton

nicknamed him Attila and you make other friends more one can see their point. He can look a rough customer, on the field and off it, but in fact he is what people like to call a good ambassador for the game, as seen in the patience and cordiality with which he dealt with the numerous lengthy interviews which have been the by-product of his call-up by England.

He is not clubbable in the usual way of footballers. Most Old Firm players live to the south of Glasgow around Bothwell or Blantyre. Hateley, his wife Bev and family - Emma (aged ten), Lucy (eight), Fay (five) and Thomas (two) - selected a home in the busy suburban area between Bearsden and Milngavie.

"We were living in apart-ments for years and now we have a lovely house which is very secluded but also handy for everything we need. We live away from the other play-

It was the Milanese who ers because I think it helps lev said. "We are 20 minutes from everything we need - Ibrox, the Cameron House country club on Loch Lomond and Park School in Glasgow, which the girls attend."

Taylor may have reminded Hateley that he is an Englishman but, aged 30, he is steadily going native in Scot-land. "We have sold up in England and I can see us staying here for good, quite frankly," he said. "I haven't really thought about the future too much but I would like to continue in football when my playing days are

"It would be nice if I could keep up my association with Rangers because things have gone very well here. Right now I would give our lifestyle nine out of ten for contentment — you should always leave a little room for

Irongate by the Lancashire New Town Corporation in 1983 and, instead of hiring

council recreation pitches,

was able to step out on its own

Barry Massie, a manager

who had a formidable record

of success with Preston and

District League clubs, was

appointed for the 1989-90

season and brought the team

a league and cup double. Last

season, Bamber Bridge

joined the Bass North West

Counties League and came

fourth in the second division.

defeated once in 24 matches,

beat Chadderton 3-1 to go

The other semi-final repre-

This week, Bamber Bridge,

site in 1987.

Bamber Bridge reap profits of hard work

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL BY WALTER GAMMIE

Two seasons ago, Bamber Bridge were cleaning up in the Preston and District League. Today, they entertain Wimborne Town, of the Wessex League, in the first leg of an FA Vase semi-final that may bring them a place at Wembley.

Bamber Bridge, which lies just to the south of Preston, is reaping the reward for taking its football club to its heart, developing a new ground through volunteer labour and watching its hard-working team begin a rise up the nonleague pyramid

The chub was given land at



sents a meeting of old hands. Guiseley, the holders, entertain Sudbury Town, who lost the 1989 final after a replay to Tamworth, and will field a seasoned Wembley campaigner in Brian Talbot.

qualifying performance in Poland — never mind the victory over half-hearted Real Madrid v Torino Gence v Aiax France at Wembley last month — if they are to show in Sweden that the World Cup semi-final place in Italy

English football's decline put into perspective

or two of the team at the time, thought it to be. What was worrying about Tottenham's display, and much of what I have seen internationally this season, was less the shortcomings of one or two of the players but the naivety of the tactics.

Graham Taylor's team will

have to show a marked im-

provement on their final

was not the flattery that

many people, including one

Although Tottenham displayed enormous heart, and in that context still carried some dignity although elimi-nated, they lacked the tacti-cal sophistication that characterised 20 years of English success in Europe: and, pertinently, Terry

na. Venables was reflecting beforehand that Tottenham had not had the results they occasionally have deserved - victory at Villa Park in the FA Cup, for instance — but the incentive to take charge again of the team in place of Peter Shreeves has become almost irresistible, with Tottenham perilously near to the first division trouble

The tactical inadequacies were all too apparent. There was no width in midfield or attack, nothing to pull De Wolf away from the heart of Feyenoord's defence, while Tottenham's defence often had four or even five men back marking two oppoyards into the final half. There were countless instances when Tottenham did not seem to know whether they were marking man for man or zonally, a confusion that led to several of Feyenoord's openings.

Too often, the creative intent of Stewart, Allen, Howells and Nayim in midfield was to run with the ball, and Feyenoord were usually able to read them easily. Apart from Gascoigne,

hom it is probably already too late to save from himself. England are without a midfield player to approach the level of Brooking or Hoddle. never mind Peters. In the absence of midfield

ing too much of Lineker to pull the fat from the fire. though one brave diving header by Howells nearly did so. Lineker's edge, for the moment, has gone four goals this year - and that adds further worries for England's prospects in Sweden. They cannot depend on the sort of brilliant goal with which he saved the day in Poland.

The European Cup minileague looks to be dominated by Barcelona. Red Star forced to play home matches abroad - and Sampdoria. It clearly is going to take English sides a while to readjust to continental thinking.

MOTOR RACING

Mansell soon into stride on happy hunting ground

FROM NORMAN HOWELL IN MEXICO CITY

NIGEL Mansell has happy memories of Mexico City, where he is the firm favourite to win the second grand prix of the Formula One season this weekend. Mansell won here in 1987, driving a Williams-Honda; a year later he treated the crowd to a 180mph duel with Gerhard Berger and last year he chased his Williams teammate, Riccardo Patrese, to

the chequered flag. That one-two finish may well be repeated tomorrow in the Mexican grand prix as the Williams-Renaults seem to have an unassailable edge over their rivals, McLaren, Ferrari and Benetton

In yesterday's free practice, Mansell confirmed his ascendancy by lapping a second faster than Patrese and two seconds faster than Ayrton Senna, the world champion, who finished fifth. Buoyed by victory in the opening race in South Africa, he is clearly the man in form.

While the free session is often used for experimentation, it was heartening to see Michael Schumacher (third) and Christian Fittipaldi (ninfh) shaking the field up in the early stages.

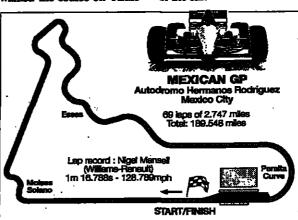
Mansell is relaxed, as well he may be with his car and engine at a peak the others will find hard to heat. He walked the course on Thurs-

day to examine the alterations to the Hermano Rodriguez circuit, particularly at the Peraltada, the fast curve. Senna's spectacular accident there last year set the organisers thinking. They have taken five degrees of incline out of the bank and removed a bump.

"But the asphalt is still soft here, so it may be that our speeds will eventually be even faster than before," Mansell said. The Peraltada is acknowledged by drivers as one of the challenges of the Formula One season. All tackle it differently, though many seem to follow the method of Jean Alesi, of Ferrari.

"You go into the bend in top gear, steer into it, then hold the wheel as hard as possible and just hang on." Alesi said. Ironically, it was the Frenchman who first slid off course, slipping into the sand trap at the Peraltada. Proof, if it was needed, that trusting the car is easier said than done on this track.

By today's second practice session, the dust will have gone, but the bumps will still be a feature and this is where the Williams's active suspensions will have the edge. But this is a tough circuit. It comes down to the old-fashioned virtues: skill and stami-



MARKEY !!

Boardman in need of a tonic

CHRIS Boardman needs a convincing win tomorrow in the classic and demanding 25 miles cycling time-tria around Lake Windermere to stimulate his Olympic

preparations.
Punctures and breathing problems have seen him fin ish only two of five events in the last month and this week he has tonsilitis. Last year, he won the event in a record 56min 09sec.

Hide setback

Boxing: Herbie Hide has aggravated an old hand injury and been forced to withdraw from the first defence of his WBC international heavyweight title against the New Zealander, Craig Petersen, in Norwich on March 31.

Other ranks

Cricket: David Houghton. who led Zimbabwe to its remarkable World Cup vic-tory over England, has signed for the Birmingham League side, West Bromwich Dartmouth.

Welsh rewarded

Bowls: Wales beat Ireland 150-95 in the wooden spoon match of the home international series at Teignbridge, Newton Abbot.

Marchant on call

Rugby league: Tony Northern back, will be able to play in the Silk Cut Challenge an next Saturday. His twomatch suspension for nonpayment of a £40 fine was halved on appeal yesterday.

Desmond Hackett

The memorial service for Desmond Hackett, Daily Express sports writer, will be held at St Bride's Church, Fleet Street, London, on Friday, May 8, at 11am.

Jack Kelsev

Football: Jack Kelsey, former Arsenal and Wales goalkeeper, has died aged 62 after an illness. He played 327 League games for Arsenal and won 41 Welsh caps.

BADMINTON PARIS: Franch women's open: Singles: First round (selected results): S Archer (Eng) bt Q van Dalm (Neth), 6-15, 15-8, 15-10; S Renezt (Fr) bt K Scott (Scott, 15-11, 18-12; V Kurner (Indo) bt S Yetes (Weles), 15-9, 15-8; R Beggs (Indo) bt A Mair (Scot), 15-8, 15-9; O Pongratz (Ger) bt J Robertson (Eng), 15-0, 13-15, 15-2; B Suprianto (Indo) bt J Meller (Scott), 15-11, 15-4, Second round: G Mertin (Scott) bt C Forland (Hum), 11-0, 11-1; D Piche (Carl) bt J Allen (Scott), 11-5, 11-1; A Gabson (Scott) bt J Still (NZ), 12-11, 11-0; S Hone (Eng) bt A Sendersson (Swe), 9-11, 11-0, 11-3.

BASKETBALL NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): New York Knicks 96, Milwaukee Bucks 92; Charlotte Homets 123, Philadetphia 76ers 118 (OT): Chicago Bulle 108, Washington Bullets 100; Sestite SuperSorics 112; Houston Rockets 91; Utah Jazz 115, Denver Nuggets 100.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS CUP: Semi-tinal series: Third leg play-offer Estudianties Middrid 55, Maccabl 1 el Aviv 54; Virtus Bologma 65, Partizan Beigrade 69 (Philips Millan, Juventud Badislona, Estudiantes Madrid and Partizan Beigrade quality for lest four).

BOWLS:

TEIGNBRIDGE, Newton Abbot: Home intermetional series: England bi Ireland, 144-102 (England stipe first): P Bramfleid: 3, A klurphy 9; J Bell 22, S Arlamson 24; A Thomson 29, S Alian 17; D Ward 22, J Nutt 24; A Alicock 19, N Graham 19, D Bryant 29, J McCloughlin 12; Scotland bt Wales, 111-106, Wales bt Ireland, 150-95 (Wales skipe first); C Lewis 29, N Graham 20; S Wilmite 31, I McClure 7; G Jones 27, A Murphy 14; D Wilma 25; S Adamson 14; J Phiza 18, S Alian 21; L Webley 21, J Nutt 19. BOXING

YORK: Super-middledweight (10 mds): Henry Wharton (York) to Kenny Schaefer (US), 1st md. top of the division on goal difference ahead of Blackpool Mechanics. In the first Vase competition they were **FOOTBALL** allowed to enter, Bamber Bridge won their eighth match and scored their thirtieth goal by winning 1-0 at Cherisey Town in the quarter-

UEFA CUP: Quarter-final, second leg-Torino 1, BK 1903 Copenhagen 0 (Torino win 3-0 on aggregate). PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Manchester City 3, Liverpool 3; Nottingham Forest 2, Sheffield Wednes-day 2, Rotherham 1, Bolton 3, Sheffield United 1, Coventry 0, Second division: Burnley 2, Stoke 1; Huddersfield 1, York 1 OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Igented 0, Tettanham 1 FRENCH LEAGUE Parls Saint Germain 3, Caen 1. IRISH LEAGUE CUP: Quarter-finals: Larne 3, Ballymena 0. GOLF

PHOENIX, Arizons: Standard Register Ping tournament: Leading first-round scores (US unless stated): 68: M

Spencer-Devin, N Scranton, M Mellon.
70: K Rogerson, A-M Pals (Fr), E Crosby.
71: K Techetter, J Pitcock, M Neuse, M Lovander, D Eggeling, M Egge. 72: A Ritzmen, A Ridgewy, D Hichard, T Purtzer, K Prechit, D Mochrie, L Merten, C Mackey, J Inlester, G Grahem, T Fleming, M Figuerse-Dotti (Sp), V Fergon, D Coe, J Carmer, P Bradley, D Ammrocospane, A Alcott. British scores: 74: T Johnson, K Davies. 75: C Pierce. 78: L Davies, P Wright.
DEAL: University match: Foursomes (Oxford names first): S A Jerskins (Worcester) and F Cacle; (St Edmund Hall) bt B S E Ingleby (Fitzwilliam) and C J Ambier (Queens), 7 and 8; J L Hampel (St Anne's) and R A Sanders (Metron) bt C J Dale (Trickly Hall) and M L Flatscher (Robinson), one hois; A L Woolnough (Wadhem) and T Etridge (St Catherine's) halved with R O Kelly (Corpus Christi) and A R Powell (Corpus Christi) and A R Young (Churchill), 2 and F I Servickly (Corpus Christi) and F Merry (Stanne's) and R Merry (St Anne's) lost to P M Crawley (Tnnity Hall) and J S Young (Churchill), 2 and 1; P G N Rober (Selwyn) and M M Williamson (Fitzwilliam), 4 and 3.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE [NHL]: St Louis Blues 4, Boelon Bruins 1; Edmonton Oliers 5, New Jersey Devits 3; Pittsburgh Penguins 6, Queber Nordiques 3; Chicago Bischtawks 4, Minnesota North Stars 1; Ceigary Flames 3, San Jose Sharks 1; Buttalo Sabres 8, Los Angeles Kings 2. HUMBERSIDE: World champlomehip; Pool C; North Kores 8, Australia 3; Great Britain 15, South Kores 0. **RUGBY UNION**

TOUR MATCH: Saracens 24, La Pleta (Arg) 29. STUDENTS' INTERNATIONAL: Wales 14, Scotland 9 (at Lignells).

SKIING

TigNES, France: British Land British champlenships: Ment Downhill: 1, M Bell, Imin 26.48esc; 2, G Bell, 129.68; 3, W Gaylord, 1:27.53; 4, G Forsyth, 1:28.16. Womers: Super giant stations: 1, M-P Schule (Fr), 1:23.58; 23, E Richon (Fr), 1:24.73, M Bruchu (Fr), 1:24.73, 124.74. Bruchu (Fr), 1:24.73, 125.73; 21, L Beck, 1:29.08; 36, E Adam, 1:32.56.

SNOOKEH

PRESTON: Embassy world champlonship: First-quelitying round (England
unless stated): C Cookson bt D Walker,
10-8; P Eodon bt D Heaton, 10-2, J
Ferguson bt O King, 10-2; K Burrows bt B
Demurco (Scot), 10-3; A Kearney (Iro) bt E
Henderson (Scot), 10-3; A Kearney (Iro) bt E
Henderson (Scot), 10-8; S - Happarty
(Scot) bt J Dunning, 10-6; E Lewier bt R
Tavagna (Aus), 10-8; N Terry bt J Walkop,
10-8; D Martin bt W Jerram, 10-8; i
Wallamson bt F O'Svion (Iro), 10-7; S
Metilah leads M Darrington, 8-1; J Rea
(Scot) leads S Parker, 5-4; C Small (Scot)
leads S Parker, 5-4; C Small (Scot)
leads S Mealth, 6-3; P Deubney leads F
Davis, 9-0; B L'Orange (Nor) leads S
Watchom (Iro), 5-4; R Dickson leads S
Longworth, 5-4.

SQUASH RACKETS

COLOGNE: German Open: Men: Second round: R Norman (Niz) bit B Besson (Eng), 10-15, 15-8, 15-60; B Martin (Aus) bit C Weisher (Eng), 15-11, 11-15, 17-15, 15-15, 15-17, A Device (Weisley) bit M Macisen. (Scot), 15-12, 16-17, 15-8, 15-11; T Nancerrow (Aus) bit C Dittmar (Aus), 15-11, 8-15, 11-15, 17-15, 15-10, R Martin (Aus) bit P Marshell (Eng), 15-7, 16-17, 15-10, 15-11; S Elopuro (Fin) bit H Weinis (Ger), 15-11, 6-15, 15-11, 15-7; Janaher Khen (Pek) bit D Harris (Eng), 15-5, 15-8, 15-8; C Robertson (Aus) bit S Partic (Eng), 16-17, 8-15, 17-15, 16-6, 15-7. GUERNSEY: Women's Open: Second round: S Devoy (Atz) bit C Raddeliffe (HC), 9-1, 9-2, 9-0; L Ivring (Aus) bit J Martin (Eng), 9-7, 8-10, 9-7, 9-8, S-8, 9-3, 9-3, Martin (Aus) bit S Fitz-Gereld (Aus), 2-9, 9-5, 3-9, 9-3, 10-8, 9-0; S Wright (Eng) bit S Schone (Ger), 9-4, 9-1, 2-9, 2-9, 9-0; L Opte (Eng) bit R Gert (Ire), 9-1, 9-8, 9-9, 9-9, L Mc Moignan (Eng) bit R Gerves (Eng), 9-0, 9-5, 9-0. **SQUASH RACKETS**

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Gooch's odyssey turns full circle

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT, IN SYDNEY

SOUTH Africa was a refuge for Graham Gooch in the spring of 1982, when he had mislaid the ambition to go on playing for his country. Now, precisely ten years on, the reincarnation of Gooch finds South Africa barring his way to an ambition he has pur-

sued with passion. It is a barely believable scenario. Gooch did not know if he would play for England again when he made his unsanctioned tour. The one thing he thought he knew for certain was that he would never play for England against South Africa.

Now, his liaison with the forbidden land long since forgiven and forgotten, his readoption by England so complete that he runs the show, it has happened to Gooth, one match away from the climax of his many months of patient planning.

Gooch missed the World Cup group game against South Africa through injury and feared he would not get a second chance. But if tomorrow's semi-final at the Sydney Cricket Ground is special to the England captain, it is nothing short of staggering to the South Africans, at the end of a week in which they have experienced extremes of elation and anxiety.

On Sunday, against most expectations, they qualified for the semi-finals. On Monday, once the heads were clear of hangovers, they began to wonder if they would be free to play it. Tues-day brought the referendum, with all its accompanying fears. Wednesday was a day of fretful waiting, and then came an explosion of relief.

The referendum vote has given Kepler Wessels and his side a future in international sport, a future which begins right here. Wessels's job now is to sweep away the emotion and reduce the playing of this highly charged game to the basics at which his players have excelled.

Gooch's job, these past few days, has been slightly different. His team has arrived on a wing and a prayer after a nightmarish defeat by Zimbabwe. "It is like losing to a minor county back home." Alec Stewart, the vice-captain, suggested yesterday. You know it can happen but you never think it will happen

There were no melodra-

Albury. It is not his style, "We didn't have an inquest or anything like that," he said. "It would not have been productive. I am more interested in getting everyone to look at the next game.

Up to last night, it was possible that, for the first time in the competition, England might have a full squad of 14 from which to select. Derek Pringle has had a cortisone injection in his rib muscle and was planning to bowl in the nets today. The odds remain heavily against him but the rest of the bulletins are encouraging. Dermot Reeve and Chris Lewis both expect to take a full part and Gooch has had no adverse

reaction from his hamstring. Even discounting Pringle, this poses a healthy selection problem. Gooch strongly indicated, last night, that only one of the specialist spin bowlers will play - I hope it is Tufnell - but he would not be drawn on the intended balance. Throughout the tournament, however, Gooch has preached the benefits of bowling options and he would be loath to go into such an important game with only five regular bowlers plus Graeme Hick's off spin. Hence, the likelihood must be that Gladstone Small will be chosen and a batsman sacrificed.

It can hardly be Neil Fairbrother, whose flair won the group game against South Africa, and Hick's allround contribution makes him indispensable. The choice, hugely ironical, must be between the South Afri-can-born pair, Robin Smith

Smith has descended into the mental morass that too often engulfs him when form is clusive. His batting becomes increasingly wooden, his brow increasingly furrowed, and the practice nets are seldom without his presence until, one day, the memory takes over and the lost instincts return to his game.

It would be far more logical to omit Lamb, however heartbreaking it would be for him. Surprisingly, England did not miss him during his injury absence and he has done nothing, in the two defeats in which he has played, to de-mand retention. If nothing else, Smith's superior fielding ought to swing the issue.

Once they decide upon an eleven. England must form a matics from Gooch after plan to combat the increas-

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Lamb's lean: the England batsman sways out of the way of a delivery in the nets in Sydney yesterday

ingly confident South Africans. One option, no longer so outrageous after New Zealand's success, would be to

use Tufnell with the new ball. Mike Procter, the South Africa coach, hinted yester-day that the formula of five quick bowlers will be retained. Brian McMillan, vital to the balance, will play.

President de Klerk, who has been in frequent contact with the team, will doubtless be on the phone again should they win tomorrow, a result that would bring South Africa to a jubilant standstill.

England, meanwhile, can expect their prime minister to divert attention from election issues for a match with such fantasy attached it might have been scripted by the Walt Disney of one-day crick-et. "Everyone dreams of playing matches like this one." Gooch said. Most of all, he might have added, everyone dreams of winning them.

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Pick breaks down in nets

FROM RICHARD STREETON IN KINGSTOWN, ST VINCENT

ENGLAND A might have to go into the second, unofficial Test match with West Indies A at Arnos Vale near here today without both their leading fast bowlers. Andy Pick broke down in the nets yesterday with a recurrence of a groin-muscle strain. Devon Malcolm had his first bowl for a week after his back spasm last weekend and will wait until this morning to see if he has any reaction.

Pick has been troubled by groin and thigh muscle strains for most of the tour. He got through the first Test last week, but, after half an hour in the nets yesterday, was unable to continue. Mal-colm is considered only 70 per cent_fit but, in Pick's absence, England badly need

him to play. Even at reduced pace, Malcolm is yards faster than any other England bowler. He has been assured that he will

do no permanent damage to his back if he can play even if not completely recovered. Both Croft and Watkin, the two Glamorgan bowlers, are included in the England 12, with Salisbury dropping out, in keeping with a deliberate policy to give everybody a chance in the four-day games. If Malcolm plays, either Cork or Munton will be

Keith Fletcher, the team manager, said about the definite selection of Croft, the off spinner: "Winning matches is important, but our main purpose on this tour is to find Test players. There is no point in bringing young men and then not picking them." The six fit England bats-

men chose themselves, with Hussain not yet ready to challenge for a place. Hussain's fractured finger

has mended sufficiently to allow him to start gentle, net practice but he will not be

considered for selection until the third unofficial Test in Barbados next week. West Indies, who won the first Test, have also deferred

their final selection. WEST INDIES A (from): C A Watch (captain), J C Adieme, C A Best, K C G Benjamin, J Eugene, AH Gray, RI C Holder, L A Joseph. C B Lambert, J R Murray, N O Perry, R G Samueta.

ENGLAND A (trop): H Monte (captain), D J Bichnell, M R Remprekeen, P Johnson, G P Thorpe, J P Stephenson, S J Rhodes, R D B Croft, T A Munton, D G Cork, S L Wattin, D E Malnow

Umpires: G Johnson and D Archer,

☐ Malcolm Marshall, who in 12 years of top-class performances took 376 Test wickets for the West Indies and was among the most feared fast bowlers in the 1980s, has retired from international

West Ham may face another pitch invasion

BY CLIVE WHITE

WEST Ham United face the prospect of a further pitch invasion at Upton Park today by supporters demonstrating against the club's proposed debenture scheme, just 24 hours after the Football Association charged the club for disruptions to games against Everton and Arsenal in the

An appeal by Peter Storrie, the club's managing director, to supporters to behave at today's game against Queen's Park Rangers is likely to fall upon deaf ears. Protesters have promised to demonstrate at every game for the rest of the season unless the club drop their plans for the contentious £15 million bond

The game against Everton was interrupted for several minutes by about 200 sup-porters and there were three minor stoppages against Arsenal. The club can expect to be fined for these breaches of the rules governing the behaviour of spectators, but persistent infringement of them could result in a deduction of points for the first division's bottom club.

Anders Limpar, who was omitted from last week's match at Upton Park, is expected to return for Arsenal in the televised match against Leeds United at Highbury tomorrow. Limpar scored both goals in last season's 2-2 draw in the league fixture at Elland Road and also scored in their marathon FA Cup fourth-round duel last season with the Yorkshire club.

If Leeds are to remain on top of the league by the end of the weekend, they may need at least a point from the game, that is if Manchester United defeat Wimbledon today. United, who are waiting to see whether Bryan Robson will recover from calf and shin injuries, would have to win by a margin of six goals to provide Leeds with the task of winning at Highbury to regain the leadership.

Leeds have not beaten Arsenal in seven attempts under Howard Wilkinson, their manager, but should be lifted if Tony Dorigo, their England full back, recovers from injury as expected. Arsenal, unbeaten in seven games, have their own target:

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Man City	33	15	8	10	45	40	53
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a top three place, in order that they might qualify for Europe next season.

Tottenham Hotspur, star-F ing in the face of relegation, are concerned about the fitness of Gary Lineker for a match of crucial importance to them at Anfield against Liverpool. He has a sore throat and did not train yesterday. Liverpool, still looking for a high league placing de-spite their involvement in the FA Cup, are without Mark Wright, Ray Houghton and Mark Walters.

However, there was good news yesterday for their mid-field player, Michael Thom-as, who has landed the chance to resurrect his England career in time for the European championship finals. Yesterday, Thomas, who moved to Merseyside from Arsenal this season in a £1.5 million deal, was called up for next week's trip to Czechoslovakia, replacing the Crystal Palace midfield player, Geoff Thomas.

Thomas's Anfield col-league, Wright, and the Manchester United defender, Paul Parker, who both suffered hamstring injuries in midweek, have also been forced to pull out of Taylor's squad, as has Stephen Pears. the Middlesbrough goalkeeper. Pears, who had been named for the first time. could still play for his club in tomorrow's second division. game against Brighton. Crystal Palace's Nigel

Martyn — he has four B caps — is elevated from the standby list, along with Keith Curie, Earl Barrett and

Jockey Club to hold Gold Cup enquiry

JENNY Pitman and Michael Bowiby will be called before a Jockey Club enquiry over the way Golden Freeze ran against Carvill's Hill in the Cheltenham Gold Cup (Richard Evans writes).

Yesterday's announcement follows a week of controversy. including threats of legal action, over the tactics employed by the Pitman team and their possible effect on Carvill's Hill.

Ridden by Peter Scuda-more, Carvill's Hill made a series of errors as Golden Freeze, ridden by Bowlby. jumped alongside on the first circuit. Martin Pipe's chaser finished last and is unlikely to

run again.
After the race. Richard

Hitchins, owner of Golden Freeze, said his horse had exposed Carvill's Hill and "played him like a violin with great jumping and by going backwards and forwards'

No date has been fixed for the enquiry, which will consider whether Pitman and her jockey committed a breach of Rule 151.

The rule concerns riders and trainers "preventing or trying to prevent in any way race or obtaining the best possible placing".
The threats of legal action

follow remarks which Scudamore said Bowlby had made to him during the race.

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chairman, Pasquale Casillo.

A plastic poser in the field

AMAZING athletic innovations from the United States. Certainly, their Olympic track and field trials in June should be unforgettable. The hammer will be murderously bouncing head-high across the stadium and the javelin could cause thousands of dollars worth of damage. Ludicrously, the event takes place in a stadium with artifical turf on the infield. Hammers will bounce like ping pong balls and javelins could do anything - includ-ing stick in the plastic, which

doesn't grow back too well. "At no time did the committee know there was going to be an artifical turf." Pat Rico, of the site selection committee, said. "I feel like we mentioned it." the trials director, Sam Seemes,

New Orleans. "What is the potential danger for a hammer ricocheting into an official?" the top American hammer man, Ken Flax, asked. In the early Seventies, a 10,000-metres runner had his leg broken at Meadowbank in Edinburgh when a hammer bounced into him from a rubberised track.

The javelins could not only damage the plastic they could be damaged themselves by the hard surface underneath - and they cost a lot of money these days. In 1979, in Montreal, they tried to get around this effect by laying hundreds of squares of green papier mache on the plastic surface.

The hammer is scheduled to take place at a time when spectators will be in the stadium: since field-events people grouse about being poor relations at the best of times, you can imagine how delighted they are about this. "If hammer throwing doesn't have a black eye as it is, let's give it another one,"

Flax humphed. The trials will take place at the Tad Gormley stadium in cent of adult Swedes take



SIMON BARNES ON SATURDAY

part in sport or "recreational exercise" and only 35 per cent of Brits? The European league table, as supplied by the Central Statistical Office of Sweden, goes like this. with all figures given in percentages: Sweden 54, Ire-land 48, Luxembourg 42, Denmark 39, France 35, Britain 35, West Germany (old figures obviously) 34, Belgium 34, The Netherlands 32, Portugual 28, Greece 26, Spain 25, Italy

Pray silence

HEAR the words of the Rev Andrew Wingfield Digby, the England cricket team chaplain and old friend of this column: "A cricket match provides many times of quiet watching and waiting. I try to fill these mo-ments with prayer and cultivate a quiet presence

which perhaps contrasts with the tension and excitement all around me." Looking at the injuries among the England team going into the World Cup semi-finals, we must hope Wingers Diggers gives it all he's got.



Eddie's heir THE first Lowlanders ski jumping championship took place recently and yes! A Brit won. No, not Eddie: it was

Alan Jones. Eddie couldn't be there. The event, which also included a Nordic combined and many cross-country competitions, had 270 competitors and was the largest lowlanders Nordic event ever held. The hero of the ski jumping event was Dunstan Odeke, a newcomer to jumping. Odeke, based in the ski jumping Mecca of Holland Park, finished last, had a bad fall, but, according the event's organiser, Tim Ashburner, "has more guts than you find down a ten-foot python in his native Uganda".

Italian job

A quiet week at the Italian first division club, Foggia. Igor Shalimov stormed out of training, kicked in the dressing-room door and burst into tears. Next, local journalists were stoned by supporters. Last Sunday, the

made a sudden verbal attack on one of the journos, Antonio Troisi, to such effect that poor Troisi succumbed to a crise de nerfs and needed treatment from the club doctor. Casillo then resigned in midweek with the words: "I can't stand it any more. I have to leave this chaos." Meanwhile, a supporter named Emilio Cavelli has attacked the anxious Troisi and announced that he will see to him with a knife. Cavelli was recently featured in the Foggia fanzine leading an appeal against football violence.

☐ I have no problem with footballers wearing earrings, but is it right and proper to wear them on the pitch? When Tottenham played Feyenoord in midweek, that gloriously-named pair, Ulrich van Gobbel and John de Wolf, were both sparkling about the earhole. Gary Lineker Gouged by Enforcer's Farrings One to Enforcer's Earring? One to worry readers of the Lineker fanzine, Ooh Gary Gary.

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Thankyou, thankyou, but I couldn't have done it without (from left): James Fox, John Thaw, Eugene Terre Blanche, Sean Bean and Saskia Wickham, Helen Mirren, Robert Lindsay, Paul Merton and Vic Reeves, to name just a few

The really difficult thing about setting up your own personal Bafta awards is not so much deciding on the winners, as fitting all the celebrities into the bathroom. "Do your own Bafta awards," those nice people at The Times commanded. "Have a good time." Looking back on this now. I have a nasty feeling they wanted me just to nominate a few of my favourite television programmes and announce some winners (total cost: zero). Imagine their surprise next Monday morning, then, when I present them with Robert de Niro's personal appearance fee, and sting them for the cost of the gold statuettes. Unfortunately, the whole thing burgeoned out of my control. I started out with a few modest notions about gilt enve-lopes and Joanna Lumley, and before I knew it a 30-piece orches-tra from Vegas was rehearsing the opening bars of "It's Not Unusual" and "New York, New York". Of course, tomorrow night you can see the real thing, televised live

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from the Grosvenor House hotel. All the hubbub and excitement. All those serious-looking broadcasters, with their domed heads and spectacles (utterly indistinguishable one from another, except to members of their own breed). All those glamorous ac-tresses in ill-advised sparkly frocks (usually with a sleeve missing, suggestive of a recent scuffle with a revolving door). The Bafta awards' eremony makes unmissable TV, of course, but mainly because you don't really expect it to. You start watching it with cool disinterest; with no particular axe to grind. Yet as each nomination is announced, your involvement is hoicked up exponentially until you finally care so much whether lan Richardson has beaten Albert Finney to Best Actor that you find you have distractedly pulled out your eyebrows and eaten them.

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We will dispense here with all the transatiantic link-up nonsense involving film, and get straight down to our nominations for home-grown TV, by and large sticking to the categories used by Bafta itself. All nominations, judgments and comments are entirely personal, and I apologise for the whole thing in advance. I am wearing a diamante-encrusted scarlet sarong, by the way; and the selected to accompany my many entrances is "Boiled Beef and Carrots". Which is enough scenesetting, I think. So let's begin.

~n@@n~. **BEST FACTUAL SERIES**

The trouble with this category is that it embraces virtually everything on TV, from arts to current affairs to James Randi: Psychic Investigator. Last year it was won by The Trials of Life (a popular choice): but each year's short list is annoyingly dominated by the continuing documentary "strands" such as First Tuesday and 40 Minutes — which is a bit difficult for the viewer to get a hold on, really, since we can't help thinking of all the mediocre editions of 40 Minutes and First Tuesday we

for the really good ones to come along. Departing completely from the Bafta shortlist, my own nomi-Culloden (BBC2) From Wimps to Warriors (BBC2) Inside Story (BBC1) The Second Russian Revolution (BBC2) It seemed to me that Inside Story scored a generally higher propor-tion of hits — remember the "Yellow Line" film about London's clampers and towers-away? — and that the other three series were selfevidently gripping telly, from which you learnt things you really wanted to know. The alarming male narcissism revealed in the wimps series was particularly unforgettable ("Ready for my close-up, Mr de Mille" might have been its sub-title), which is why From Wimps to Warriors wins this category by a short nipple and a tuft of chest-hair. The award is

have had to endure while waiting

BEST DRAMA SERIES

presented by Mollie Sugden to a

man with no clothes on.

Usually, this is lumped in with "Drama Serial". The difference (for people who do not work in broadcasting) is that if you miss an episode from a serial, you have to phone people up to find out what happened. Whereas if you miss an episode from a series, you don't notice, because each story is largely self-contained. Drama series in 1991, then, included Agatha Christie's Poirot, Spender, Ashenden, Shrinks. The Advocates and Joan Collins: Tonight at 8.30 — some of which were missable altogether, when you come to think of it. Nominations in this category are: The Bill (Thames)

Casualty (BBC1) Inspector Morse (Central) But there is no winner, because I honestly don't care enough. I hope this is all right. The band strikes up "Boiled Beef and Carrots' again, in some confusion. (It had been practising The Bill theme tune for the majority of the day.)

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BEST DRAMA SERIAL

This is the really important one, where G.B.H. and Prime Suspect will probably battle it out tomorrow night. Rather daringly, I omit G.B.H. from the list here, because although it was entertaining and wonderfully acted and beautifully produced. I seem to remember hat it wasn't actually about anything very much in the end. I also omit, more in anger than sorrow, The Orchid House, Chimera, Titmuss Regained and Jute City all of which testify, I think, to the cock-up theory of television. My nominations are: Clarissa (BBC2)

The Men's Room (BBC2) Prime Suspect (Granada)

Sleepers (BBC2) And the joint winners are Clarissa and Prime Suspect - Clarissa for being fresh, intelligent and moving: Prime Suspect for being the

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most exciting thriller in living memory. Both seem delighted. William Kennedy Smith wonders out loud why he has been flown in specially to make the award to Clarissa, but everyone goes quiet.

- MERON BEST SINGLE DRAMA

Alan Bennett's A Question of Attribution seems likely to win this category tomorrow night. My own nominations are: Events at Drimaghleen

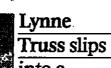
My Kingdom for a Horse A Question of Attribution

(BBC1) The Trials of Oz (BBC2) John Godber's My Kingdom for a Horse (shown last March) was a gentle, charming play about a mild-mannered history teacher (Sean Bean) whose weekend Sealed Knot excursions (set battles with pretend weapons) beautifully underlined the emotional coward-ice that was in danger of ruining his life. Events at Drimaghleen, adapted from a William Trevor story (and directed by Robert Cooper, who produced the recent-ly broadcast *Truly*, *Madly*, *Deep*ly), concerned a mysterious triple shooting at a farm in a poor Irish community, and the insensitivity of a documentary film crew who invade from London to reconstruct the "events". It was a resonant and painful play, and I watched it three times. I think it should win, really. A specially cut-down lectern is discreetly brought on for Dustin Hoffman to make

NEED. **BEST COMEDY**

Recently, on a Sunday evening, I was just puzzling over episode three of the pleasant Judi Dench-Geoffrey Palmer vehicle As Time Goes By when a continuity announcer said: "And now, the comedy continues on BBC1 with One Foot in the Grave." And I thought, "Hang on, get a grip, is this all supposed to be comedy. then? And if so, why haven't laughed once in the past half hour?" I seem to be suffering from category confusion; and doing these damned Bafta awards does not help. I mean, where does a hilarious serial such as Gone to the Dogs (Central) fit in? Nowhere, probably. Rather grudgingly. then, my nominations are: Drop the Dead Donkey (Channel 4)

One Foot in the Grave (BBC1)



into a sarong and

pre-empts tomorrow's Bafta awards from the glittering intimacy

of her bathroom

Two Point Four Children (BBC1)

And the winner is Andrew Mar-shall's Two Point Four Children. because it was fast-moving and original, and included one of my favourite sitcom lines of the year, viz: "I understand testosterone explodes on contact with saucepans." To save time, I might also say here that Belinda Lang should receive Light Entertainment Performance of the Year as well, seeing as Angus Deayton doesn't qualify. Tension is mounting among the audience, by the way, and it is getting hot.

~~**EB**~ BEST LIGHT ENTERTAINMENT

The odd thing about this category is that it seems to bear no relation to "Best Light Entertainment Per-formance", which is the province of actors rather than comedians. Perhaps they think we won't notice. My nominations are: Have I Got News for You?

(BBC2)
Paul Merton: The Series (Channel 4)
Vic Reeves Big Night Out (Channel 4) Whose Line Is It Anyway?

(Channel 4) And the award goes to Have I Got News For You? because Angus Deayton's links and intros are the wittiest stuff on television.

~~**\$\$**?~: BEST ACTRESS, BEST ACTOR

I am beginning to enjoy this. I keep dipping back into tapes of Prime Suspect and getting all wrapped up in it again. It's amazing how you can still say. They've just got to find Marlowe's car!" when you already know perfectly well that it's in a lock-up at King's Cross.

Lindsay Duncan: G.B.H.
Helen Mirren: Prime Suspect Saskia Reeves: In My Defence Prunella Scales: A Question of Attribution

Zoe Wanamaker: Prime

Sean Bean: Clarissa Tom Bell: *Prime Suspect* Robert Lindsay: G.B.H.
Leslie Phillips: The Trials

The winner of "best actress" is Helen Mirren. (And if you don't like it, sergeant, you can apply for a transfer. Got that?) Winner of "best actor" is Robert Lindsay, which makes me feel like God, actualty, because God would have given it to Robert Lindsay, too. Unfortunately, neither of the win-ners is actually in attendance, so we have to phone them up, which takes about 20 minutes. Helen Mirren says she is in the middle of having a fireplace put in; can she phone us back? I say no, it's OK. The band, which is becoming a law unto itself, strikes up "Chim, Chiminy" from Mary Poppins.

MESON. **BEST ARTS PROGRAMME**

No fewer than three South Bank Shows are nominated in the official Bafta list — which certainly makes you feel you must be missing something, doesn't it?

My top five individual pro-Arena: The Human Face

(BBC2) Arena: The Strange Story of Joe Meek (BBC2) J'Accuse: Robert McKee on Citizen Kane (Channel 4) Relative Values: The Art Dealer (BBC2)
Without Walls: Selling Murder (Channel 4)

The Relative Values programme probably doesn't qualify as a single documentary, but I grow tired of these silly constraints. Away with care, say I. BBC moles have told me, moreover, that Relative Values was also considered a bit of a shambles, production-wise. But its revelations about the art market were invaluable to an ignoramus like me. Selling Murder was a fascinating film about Nazi euthanasia propagan-da: Robert McKee's half-hour illustrated lecture was a brilliant and entertaining attack on Citizen

Meanwhile the Arena on Joe Meek (a maverick 1960s record producer whose hits included 'Telstar') was atmospheric and kooky, and evoked the era so powerfully that you could actually

smell the vinyl of the records. It smell the vinyl of the records. It also memorably included Joe Meek's own recording of a conversation with a so-called supernatural cat in a graveyard, which went: "Hello cat." "Miaow." "Are you saying 'Help me'?" "Miaow, miaow." "What sort of help do you want?" "Miaow." I think this tins want?" "Miaow." I think this tips the balance in its favour, actually. Alan Freeman makes the award.

BEST SINGLE DOCUMENTARY

Channel 4's Banned season came up with some good stuff: Damned in the USA, Children of Chernobyl. However, my nomina-35 Up (Granada)

Age 7 in the USSR (Granada) Homeland (Channel 4) The Leader, His Driver and the Driver's Wife (Channel 4)
Homeland was Yuris Podnieks's moving tribute to the Baltic states; 35 Up was the latest in Michael Apted's famous series of programmes tracing the lives of people first introduced to us as seven-year-olds; and Age 7 in the USSR was a staggeringly optimistic attempt to launch a similar case-study in the now-defunct Soviet Union.

My winner, though, is Nick Broomfield's The Leader, His Driver and the Driver's Wife, which was shown in the True Stories slot last April. Ostensibly a quite benign story of a virtually wasted trip to South Africa — to

interview the elusive Eugene Terre Blanche, leader of the paramili-tary right-wing AWB — it took us-right inside the culture of racism, through the friendly hospitality of the leader's driver (and the driver's wife). "You should spend more time in South Africa," says the driver to Nick Broomfield, "I could teach you your skin is the uniform of God". And he seemed such a nice man.

This ought to get you in fighting mood for tomorrow night, I feel. "What about Inspector Morse?" I hear you cry. "Where is Mr Bean in this paltry list?" I know. Life is terribly unfair. It's dreadful. And just think: tomorrow night could

be worse. Meanwhile, I vacuum up the glitter and collect the balloons, and feel unaccountably pleased when I notice there are enough jellies left over to keep me in lunches for a formight. I unplug the arc lights and the temperature in the room sinks back to normal. with an audible hiss. Phew. There was a nasty moment earlier when I thought the cats might spontane

ously combust.
I hum "The Party's Over" shoving the trusty sarong back into the airing cupboard with the tea-towels. "It's time to call it a day." With the aid of wire wool and a squirt of Jif, I remove my thick industrial make-up and pon-der the excitement of the day's events. I also wonder, in a vague sort of way, whether perhaps it would have been politic to invite some of those nice people from The Times. It's too late now.

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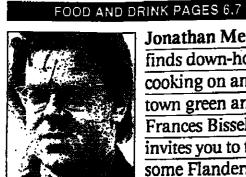


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Hilary Finch takes you on a whistlestop tour of this year's arts festivals, including Kiri Te Kanawa at Expo '92 in Seville

FILM

APOCALYPSE NOW (18): Coppola's gargantuan Vietnam Martin Sheen as the special agent with orders to kill Marloo Brando's rogue Colonel MGM Shattesbury Avenue (071-836 6279/379 7025).

BARTON FINK (15): The Coen brothers' marvellous macabre comedy about a New York playwright all at sea in Forties Hollywood, Starring John Turtumo, John Goodman, A triple Cannes prizewinner. Gate (071-727 4043) Lumière (071-836 0691).

LA BELLE NOISEUSE (15) Jacques Rivette's hypnotic exploration of a painter and his model, struggling to complete an abandoned canvas. Close to a masterpiece. With Michel Piccoli Emmanuelle Béart, Jane Birkin. Chelsea (071-351 3742/3743) Metro (071-437 0757) Renoir (071-837 8402).

BLACK ROBE (15): (Lothaire Bluteau) tries to onvert Indians in northern Quebec, Intelligent epic from Brian Moore's novel. Director, Bruce Beresford. MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Odeon Kensingto (0426 914666) Plaza (071-497

BUGSY (18): Warren Beatty as Bugsy Siegel, the gangster who nvented Las Vegas, Sie witty, dazzling to behold. Starring Annette Bening: director, Barry Odeon Leicester Square (0426 915683)



Jane Birkin and Emmanuelle Béart in La Belle Noiseuse

CAPE FEAR (18): Demonic excon Robert De Niro terrorises Nick Noite and family, Martin Scorsese's ferocious, unple remake of a classic revence thriller. With Jessica Lance. Juliette Lewis Sarbican (071-638 8891) Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Empire (071-497 9999) MG Baker Street (071-935 9772) MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Screen on the Green (071-226

3520) Whiteleys (071-792 3332) THE DOUBLE LIFE OF VERONIQUE (15): Krzyszlo Kieslowski's brilliantly filmed conundrum about two girls (one Polish, one French) who seem Philippe Volter Curzon Mayfair (071-465

FRIED GREEN TOMATOES AT THE WHISTLE STOP CAFE (12). Heart-warming lives of feisty folks down South Shallow but ingratiating. With Kathy Bates, Jessica Tandy, Mary Stuar Masterson, director, Jon Avnet.

Odeon Haymarket (0426 HEAR MY SONG (15). Promoter seeks reclusive Irish tenor Josef Locke, wanted in Britain for tax evasion. Shaggy dog tale with modest pleasures Starring Ned Beatty, Adrian Dunbar: director, Peter

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J'EMBRASSE PAS (18). Latter-day Candide becomes a but unedifying With Manuel Blanc,

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getting a fair

deal on home

Emmanuelle Béart. Philippe Noiret; director, André Téchiné. MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561) MGM Totienham Court Road (071-636 6148) MGM dero (071-434 0031). LATE FOR DINNER (PG): Two

ordinary Joes awake from a 29-yea deep freeze. Unsatisfying comic whimsy from director W.D. Richter, With Brian Wimmer, Peler Berg. MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Odeon Kensington (0426 914666).

LIGHT SLEEPER (15): Lugubrious elegy to the Eighties drug scene from writer-director Paul Schrader, partly saved by Willem Dafoe as a loner stumbling lowards redemption. With Susan Sarandon. Curzon West End (071-439

THE PRINCE OF TIDES (15): New York psychiatrist helps football coach face family secrets. Romantic drama with ideas above its station, grandly acted by Nick Notte. Barbra nd directs and co-stars, but fails to sing. MGM Baker Street (071-935 9772) MGM Chelses (071-352 5096) MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) azzanine (0426 915683) Whitelevs (071-792 3332).

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DEATH AND THE MAIDEN: Juliet Stevenson, Michael Byrne, Bill Paterson superb in Ariel Doriman's Chilean political drama. Best play of 1991. Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm,

DOWN AND OUT IN PARIS AND LONDON: Paines Plough make Orwell's wintry book a feast of clever staging and sharp vignettes of acting. Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, W6 (081-748 3354). Mon-Sat,

GOOD ROCKIN' TONITE: Satisfying musical celebrating Fifties and Sixties pop classics Great stuff. Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue (071-839 4401), Mon-Thurs,

8pm, Fri, Sat, 5.30pm and HEARTBREAK HOUSE: Paul Scofield and Vanessa Redgrave head Trevor Nunn's spiend cast in Shaw's masterpiece. Theatre Royal, Haymarke SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat,

7.30pm, mats Wed, Set.

HENRY IV PART 1: Julian Glover, Robert Stephens, Michael Maloney in Adrian Noble's stirring production from last year's

Barbican, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Previews from Thurs, 7.30pm. Opens March MEASURE FOR MEASURE:

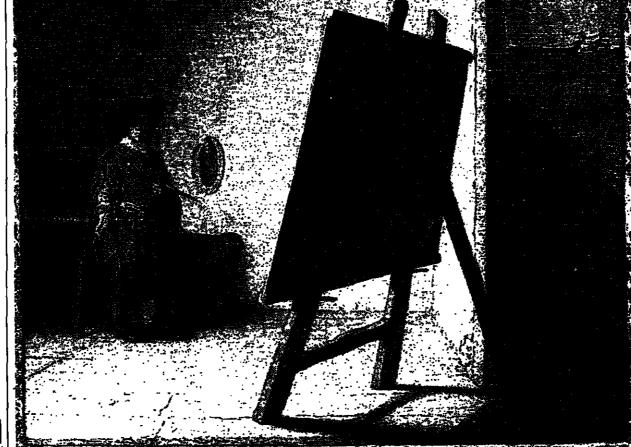
Trevor Nunn's engrossing production: David Haig fatally tempted by Claire Skinner in Freud's Vienna.
Young Vic, The Cut, SE1 (071-620 0411/928 6363). Mon-Sat, 7.15pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2pm.

MOBY DICK: New musical from West End impresario Cameron Mackintosh: a bizarre variation on Melville's classic tale of the great white whale. The cast includes Tony Monopoly, the pop and cabaret artist... Piccadilly Theatre, Denman Street, W1 (071-867 1118). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Tues, Sat, 4pm. THE NIGHT OF THE IGUANA: Alfred Molina and a superb Eileen Atkins in Tennessee Williams's play on the effects of sexual

National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Mon-Wed, 7.30pm, mal Wed,

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Old Master at work: The Artist in his Studio, a painting by Rembrandt, exhibited as part of the National Gallery's new show

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RAT PLAY: Irish composer forced to choose between his creative muse and his pregnant missis. European premiere of US award-winning play by Michael

Old Red Lion, 418 \$t John Street, EC1 (071-837 7816). Previews Tues, Wed, 8pm. Opens Thurs, 7pm. Then Tues-Sur

Nicholas Hytner's good-natured production, rather too good to be true to the play's darker National (Ofivier), South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 2252). Tues-

THE RECRUITING OFFICER:

SOME SINGING BLOOD: Julia Ford, Prunella Scales in new Heidi Thomas play: a funeral journey from Blackpool to Zimbabwe

Thurs, 7.15pm, mat Thurs,

brings understanding of the Square, SW1 (071-730 1745/2554). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mai Sat (from April 3), 3.30pm.

STRAIGHT AND NARROW: McSharry as son and doting mum in "family comedy" by Jimmie Chinn. Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-



Restoring a comedy: Phyllida Lloyd directs The Virtuoso

TALKING HEADS: Patricia Routledge and Alan Bennett excellent in three of his monologues charting the of desolate lives. Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sal, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. THE VIRTUOSO: Shadwell's Restoration comedy of bad behaviour in the home, directed with verve by Phyllida REGIONAL

GLASGOW: Spring season continues with The Palican, Strindberg's most vitriolic contrait of a mother (Third Theatre). nova Undone, the great lover at the end of his legendary powers (Second Theatre), and Wedekind's Lulu (First Theatre). Citizens Theatre, Gorbals (041-429 0022). Pelican: previe Tues, opens Wed; Casanova *Indone* previews Wed, opens Thurs. Lulu previews Thurs, opens Fri. All performances Mon-Sat, 7.30pm.

MANCHESTER: Scotland's TAG Theatre and Singapore's Beijing Opera Troupe combine for David Henry Hwang's The Dance and the Railroad: two e labourers in America in 1867 exchanging skills. Contact, Oxford Road (061-274 4400/4747). Tues-Set, 7.30pm. One week only.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: son opens with Amanda Harris and Anton Lesser in The Terning of the Shrew, heading a new cast in Bill Alexander's brilliant touring production (Royal Shakespeere Theatre), and The Beggar's Opera directed by John Caird (Swan Theatre). Royal Shakespeare Theatre (both theatres: 0789 295623). Shrew: previews from Thurs, 7.30pm, Opens April 1. *Beggar's* Opera: previews from Thurs, 7.30pm. Opens April 7.

MUSIC

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THE BRAHMS EXPERIENCE: Happily recovered after serious proceedings in an entire weekend' worth of talks and concerts designed to illuminate the music of Brahms. There will be daytime recitals of Brahms's sonos performed by Olaf Bar and John Totl as well as piano music by from cello and hom sonatas and members of the London Classic Players. In the evenings the LCP and Schutz Choir give a background concert of music by Palestrina, Gabrieli, Schulz and others , and , with Bar and Lynne Dawson, they perform what should be an intriguing version of Brahms's A German Requiem Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800). loday and tomorrow, starting at 2.30pm (talks at 2.30pm, 4.10pm and 5.25pm; concerts at 3.20pm, 5pm and 8pm).

ANDRAS SCHIFF: The thoughtful Hungarian pianist gives an afternoon recital which an arternoon rectain which cleverly juxtaposes Bach's Fifth Suite with Reger's B minor Variations and Fugue on a theme by Bach, Op 81 and Handel's Prelude, Air and Variations in 8 flat with Brahms's Op 24 Variations and Fugue on a Theme of Handel. Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800),

Sun. 3.45pm. LEIPZIG GEWANDHAUS ORCHESTRA: One of the oldest orchestras in the world -- rts origins can be traced back to concerts given in 1781 — the orchestra visits the Barbican for a

one-off performance. Kurt Masur conducts an all-Strauss programm (Richard that is) which includes nievous symphonic poem Till Eulenspiegel, and, from the end of the composer's long life, the asen for str and, with Julia Varady, the autumn Four Last Songs. Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (071-638 8891), Wed,

BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: The homegrown talents of the BBC SO, meanwhile, are on display two nights later in a typically bold programme which includes the sh premiere of Edward Shipley's Hasta Longina. There is also Nielsen's Fifth Symphony. the one with the dramatic and territying snare-drum solo, and vet more Brahms, the Violin Concerto, with Christine Tetzlaff, Andrew Davis conducts. Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (071-838 8891), Fri,

7,45pm. ULSTER ORCHESTRA: Yan Pascal Tortelier conducts the orchestra in a lovely progra beginning with Messiaen's Petites Liturgies (with the omen's voices of the Ren Singers) and closing with oz's Harold in Îlaly **Ulster Hall**, Belfast (0232

BBC WELSH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Mahler's Ninth symphony, his last complete ample, is tackled by the SBC Velsh 50 and th weels of and the supplies conductor Tadeaki Otaka in Carditt tonight. The same team gives the world premiere of William Mathias's In Arcadia up the Wednesday in a programme ncluding music by Mendelssohr and Tchaikovsky St David's Half, Cardiff (0222 371236), tonight, 7.30pm. University College Great Hall, Aberystwyth (0970 623232), Wed,

BBC PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA: Robin Holloway's new Violin Concerto is given its first performance by BBC lharmonic under conducto Jerzy Maksymiuk, with the vastly rrated Ernst Kovacic as solois). The programme is completed with music by Ravel, Debussy and Fauré. The composi gives a pre-concert talk at 6.30pm. Royal Northen College of Music, Manchesler (061-273 4504/5534), Fri, 7.30pm.

OPERA ... CONTINUING: Nothing new in the major houses this week, though Colin Graham's staging of Britten's Death in Venice continues at Covent Garden, and David Freeman's version of Monteve Orteo alternates with John Abulalia's revision of Jonathan

ler's original production of the Rossini opera The Barber of Seville at the Coliseum. University College Opera's rare performance of Le Roi d'Ys (Lalo) ends a short run at the Bloomsbury Theatre tonight. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1066/1911), tonight and next Thurs, 7,30pm Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (071-836 3161/cc 071-240 5258), tonight, Thurs, next Sat (Orleo); Wed, Fri (Barber)

ы 7.30pm. omabury Theatre. Gordon Street, London WC1 (071-387 9629), tonight, 7.30pm.

ROLLERCOASTER: Lovers of the Jesus and Mary Chain's grungey guitars and shattered to see the band joined by likeminded noise terrorists, My Bloody Valentine, Dinosaur Jr and Blur. 3775), Tues, 5.30pm. SECC, Glasgow (031-557 6969), Wed, 6.30pm. Ice Rlink, Whitley Bay (091

253 (121), Fn, 5.30pm. RICKIE LEE JONES: Still best remembered for her 1979 hit. Chuci E's in Love, the childishly charming singer is currently promoting an acoustic jazz afourn of unusual cover versions featuring songs by artists as diverse as Jimi Hendrix and Cole

Porter. ilmion, London W1 (071-580 9562), today, 7pm, Theatre Royal, asgow (041-332 9000), tomorrow, 7pm. National Sta Oublin (010-3531 533371), Mon. 7.30cm. Dominion, as above, Tues

CHICK COREA ELEKTRIC BAND: If you like your jazz funky then it's worth catching the man who helped Miles Davis invent the art form, over here on a rare

British tour. Symphony Hati, Birmingham (021-212 3333), tomorrow, 7.3 Featival Half, London SE1 (071-928 8800), Mon, 7.30pm. St Dav Half, Cardiff (0222 371236), resi, Caroin (0222 371230). Tues, 7.30pm. Corn Exchange, Cambridge (0223 357851), Wed, 7.30pm. Royal Concert Hall. Glasgow (041-227 5511). Thers, Spm. Apollo Theatre, Mancheste, thes. 235 0023. Ed. 7.310pm.

(061-235 9922), Fri, 7.30pm. ANDY SHEPPARD AND STEVE LODDER: Londoners are spoil for choice this week with the Camden Jazz Festival celebrating the talents of artists from guitarist Alian Holdsworth to the influential planist, Keith Tippett. One of the most exciting gigs however has to be this first live outing for the creative duo of ive outing for the creative due of saxophonist Sheppard plus keyboard player, Lodder. Bloomsbury Theatre, London W1 (071-387 9629), Wed, 1.15pm.

EVENINGS OUT

ROSIE BARNES SDP MP FOR GREENWICH



6 I'd go to the Comedy Theatre to see Talking Heads. I saw some of them on television. I like Alan Bennett and am a particular fan of Patricia Routledge. If the election wasn't so close, I would go to see Death and the Maiden at the Duke of York's Theatre. I've heard from several people that it's absolutely gripping, but exhausting. Apparently it hits you in the solar plexus and that would be more than I could cope with at the moment. I've just got time to catch Caesar and Cleopatra by George Bernard Shaw at the Greenwich. Theatre. I don't go there as often as I'd like because I get accosted in the interval by people wanting to bend my ear on political matters. I'm not a great fan of musicals, but I did see Cats recently and I quite liked that, and I'd like to take my sixyear-old son to see Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. 9

EXHIBITIONS

REMBRANDT: Unlike most Old Masters, Rembrandt has been news for the last decade, owing largely to the activities of the Rembrandt Committee, which has been demoting large numbers of once-revered Rembrandts into the work of pupils and followers. (This makes news because of the assumed loss of monetary value involved.) This show comes to London from Berlin and Amsterdam, and consists of 46 paintings accepted by the committee, plus 12 now ascribed to lesser men. With background material to elucidate the criteria. A fascina contribution to the debate, rather than a clearcut conclusion. National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, WC2 (071-839 3321) Daily 10am-5om (Wed. Fri to 9om). opens Thurs until May 24. DRAWINGS BY REMBRANDT AND HIS CIRCLE: The Com has yet to turn its attention fully on Rembrandt's drawings. But in his catalogue and the show itself Martin Royalton-Kisch has not hesitated to anticipate: the BM's own extensive holding has been closely scrutinised, and a considerable number also demo to follower status. The show is in Berlin and Amsterdam, but homemade, mostly from the 80-ode Rembrandt (or Rembrandtconnected) works in the Department of Prints and

Orawings. British Museum, Great Russel Street, London WC1 (071-636 1555). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, 2.30-6pm, opens Thurs until

JOHN KEANE: GULF. There are, perhaps happily, not so man war artists around today: the ohotooraphers. But John Keane has somehow come to be connected with records and evocations of war, and so it was logical that he should be dispetched to cast a cool eye on the Gulf. Not, in the event, so cool as that, for whatever his be, he is clearly not immune to the as the pity and terror. A companior Centre, Brentford, March 29-April reminds us he has another, if scarcely more cosy, side. koperial War Mus Lambeth Road, London SE1 (071-

416 5315). Daily, 10am-6pm, opens Fri until May 31. WU GUANZHONG: The Brilish Museum seems like the last place one might expect to find a first one-man show in London by a living artist. Wu Guanzhong is Chinese, in his early seventies trained in Peris as well as Hangzhou. He has worked in Western styles and media, as in some of the oils included here, ent the bulk of his painting is in the traditional Chinese form of brush-drawing with ink on paper. No real reason for the venu

is proffered, but it is good to encounter him anyway. British Museum, Great Russell Street, London WC1 (071-636 1555). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, 2.30-6pm, opens Thurs until May 10.

DANCE

NGHAM ROYAL BALLET: This company returns to Sadler's Wells, its former home, Sadier's wears, its former nome, for its only appearance in London this season. Tuesday right sees the world premiere of Dark Horizons, Oliver Hindle's new ballet choreographed for a cast of nine men. The same programme also features Galina Samsova's new production of Les Sylphides and Hans van Manen's fiery Latin number. Five Tangos. Today the company presents two performances of

Sadler's Wells Theatre. Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (071-278 8916); today 2:30om and 7.30pm, Mon-Fri, 7.30pm.

DIVERSIONS DANCE COMPANY: This Cardiff-based remiere of Bill T. Jones's History of College, Revisited, Jones's first original work for a British dance company. Sex, politics and fashion all feature among the images in the American's part of the Spring Loaded The Place, 17 Duke's Road, London WC1 (071-387 0031), Fri,

next Sat, 8pm. THE JUDAS TREE: Despite its itie. Kenneth MacMillan's newes battet is neither Biblical nor religious, but it is about a man betraying his best friend. Choreographed for 14 men and one woman from the Royal Ballet, The Judas Tree includes two murders, one rape and a hanging in the space of 40 minutes. The commissioned score is by Brian Elias. Also on the same triple bill are two fine Balanchine works: Stravinsky Violin Concerto and Symphony in C. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1066), Mon. Tues, Fri, next Sat,

SALEROOMS

TUESDAY TO FRIDAY: Christie's Scotland mounts a series of faur good-lacking sales: jewels on Tuesday, 2pm; silver, Wed, 11em; objects of art, lumiture and scientific instruments, Thurs, 11am; and oictures. Fri. 20m. Christie's, 164-6 Bath Street, Glasgow (041-332 8134).

WEDNESDAY: One of the year's first sales of Impressionist and modern art is at Sotheby's at 11am and 2.30pm. The paintings in the mornings include works by Rod Chenko and Ernst cstimated at up to £100,000 each, and in the attention there are essays in ceramics and silver by such 20th-century painters as Picasso. At 11am, Bonham's offer clocks and watches. At 1pm in the Canabrooke Half, Seymour Street, N2, Onslow's will offer posters and advertising ephemera including McKnight Kauffer's

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THURSDAY: Robert Maxwell's wine hoard will be offered before a general owner sale at Christie's it 11am. Should the Commons Catering Committee show an interest? At 60m, Bonhams has an moressive selection of modern and contemporary ceramics including the work of several Japanese "Living National Freasures", as well as the British potters who were their colleagues and disciples. There is a comprehensive range of pots by Dame Lucie Rie. who was 90 last Monday Christie's, King Street, St James's, London SW1 (071-839 QORO: Bonhams, Montpelier Street (as above).

BOOKINGS

SIENNA RED: Peter Hall's next bears his name will be a play shop. It was postponed last Martin Shaw, was unwell, but he is now recovered, and will star alongide Francesca Annis. Following its Liverpool opening. Sienna Red goes on tour before ending in London (theatre to be

Playhouse, Liverpool (051-709 363), April 13-May 2. King's, Glasgow (041-227 5511). May 4-9, Theatre Royal, Newcastle (091-232 2061) May 11-16. (021-633 3325), May 18-23. nond, Richmond (081-940 0088), May 25:30. Theatre Royal, Bath (0225 448844) June 1-

JOE COCKER: The soul deer plays four British dates in April with an eight-piece band teaturing John Miles. City Hall, Newcastle (091-261 2606), 21. City Hall, Sheffield (0742 735295/6), 22. **Apoilo** Theatre, Manchesier (061-236 9922), 24. Town & Country Club, London NW5 (071-284 0303).

RICHARD III: The Ian McKellen Richard III returns to the National repertoire for eight performances only before it goes on tour to the United States. nal Theatre, London SE1 (071-928 2252), May 20-26, Postal booking is open now; telephone and personal booking opens on March 30.

VIDEOS:

BACKDRAFT (CIC, 15). Fire rages as never before in Ron Howard's epic, which deserves high praise for technical wizardry. But behind the flames, where are the people? Where is the sensible plot? Stars Kurt Russell, William Baldwin, Robert De Niro 1991.

EDWARD II (Palace, 18): Electrifying fusion betwe Marlowe's play and Derek Jarman's unique sensibility, with Sleven Waddington as the King brought down by love to rough-tongued lavourite Gaveston. Forceful performances. with no trace of the fustian; and imaginative, zero-budget sets, created from light, sha



Man of many parts: Gielgud in the film *Prospero's Books*

PROSPERO'S BOOKS (Palace, 15): Sir John Gielgud, as Prospero, lends his mellifluous voice to every character in Shakespeare's play. But the deluge of images take command in Pe Greenaway's extraordinary film Emotionally icy: visually and conceptually, as audacious as anything in British

RAMBLING ROSE (Guild, 15). Laura Dern as an innocent sexpol turning all heads in 1935. a. The plot eventually peters out, but performances ner fail: Robert Duvall is a particular ireat as Dem's employer, a perfect gentleman with a raffish edge. Director, Martha Coolidge, 1991.

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Nothing here to laugh about



Peter Barnard searches in vain for some comedy classics and finds only a titter where once there was laughter in every line

or some weeks past you could hardly turn on a television set without seeing a plug for this week's opening of the spring's Great Event. It seemed to be trailed after almost every programme and the tone of the trails suggested that we the viewers would be somehow failing in our duty if we did not tune in and take notice. I rather resent this kind of importuning, but in the end, of course, we

surrender and switch on.
Yes, Carla Lane is back. The Liverpool writing icon, comedy's Bleasdale, has, over the past 20 years, been a seriously precious stone in a mostly indifferent setting. From The Liver Birds to Bread, she has carried the flame for crafted writing. She has taught by example the abiding truth of successful comedy, which is that wit comes from human experience expressed in a certain way. "Jokes" are no substitute.

Early Lane was about young relationships, middle-aged Lane is about middle-aged relationships. This is a crowded field on television and Screaming, the second part of which is on BBC1 at 9.05pm tomorrow, has competition — some of it strong — all over the schedules. So perhaps this will not be one of Lane's greatest hits in audience measurement terms, but it deserves to be.

Three women of a certain age move into a house together. One is separated and a touch cynical about the benchmarks of life ("a husband, a house, Tesco's, desertion"), one is a spinster, and the third's husband has died young. This would have so what potential. but Lane weaves a web of several layers. The dead husband is, in fact, a rationalisation (fled not dead) so by now we have two abandoned wives and a spinster. who at first appears to be in the classic mould, having "parts that have been seriously under-used".

This is in contrast to the blonde now favoured by one of the fled husbands; this blonde having a sign on her navel reading "end of restricted zone". But there is another, more substantial layer than this, for in flashback we discover that the spinster's parts have been less under-used than was mooted: she has had an affair with Ralph, fled husband number two, which is not the end of it: all three women, and this is the

REVIEW

emotional epicentre, have loved

Ralph never appears in any substantive way, only in the briefest of intercoursal flashbacks, which could have been borrowed from The Old Devils to cut costs, mercifully minus the elderly grunting of the Amis adaptation in which sex appears to take place under close medical supervision.

The tense co-existence of three women under one roof raises obvious comparisons with The Golden Girls, but that is American and this is very British; that is a series and this is a serial; that is probably funnier, but nothing like

Not that depth is all or even most of the game in television comedy. KYTV (Tuesday, BBC2, 8.30pm) began unpromisingly as a spoof on satellite television. I say umpromisingly because if you have satellite television you do not wish to be sent up and if you do not have it, send-ups lose their point. So KYTV has become more of a spoof on certain television strands: this week a good-in-parts "tellython", after Comic Relief and featuring

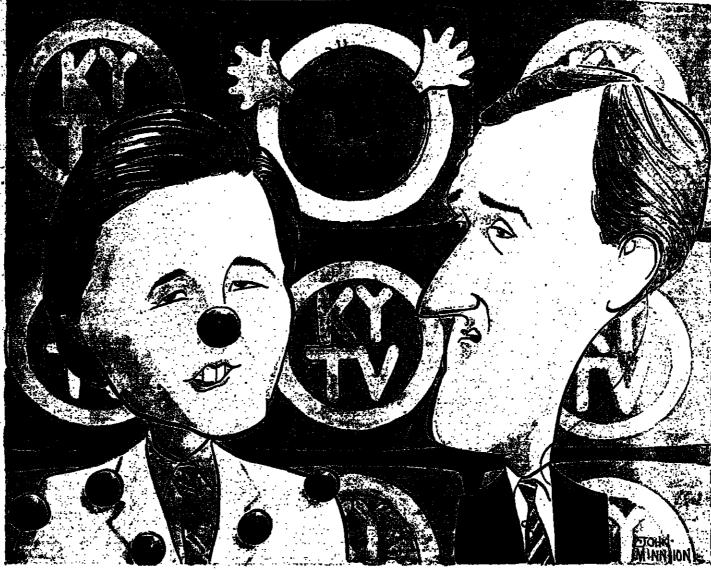
"brown nose day".

The show is carried by Angus
Deayton (pronounced Deeton). who is currently flavour of the month. His principal vehicle, the satirical quiz Have I Got News For You, was the triumph of the winter schedules and returns for a special one-off after, er, um, April 9. I cannot imagine the reason for this delay: Have I Got News For You was always scrupulously balanced

KYTV's "tellython" had one serious weakness, which was that at times it appeared to be no more than a telethon: a silly girl trying to interview sponsored marathon runners and being knocked down by them, technical cock-ups and the rest. But there were funny moments, such as all the celebrity switchboard operators deciding to go out to lunch at the same time.

At one stage, Deayton's whir-ring electronic board showed the programme had raised as much as 7p. but this soon returned to zero when the operators came back from lunch and a caller asked for

Deayton and Geoffrey Perkins write the show as well as starring



Brown nose day: Geoffrey Perkins and Angus Deayton, who write and co-star in the send-up KYTV on BBC2. Tuesdays at 8.30pm

in it, and Helen Atkinson Wood is has a good track record in raiding the other main on-screen asset. She has niche-marketed a particular type of dozy female with tremendous success, sufficient I would think to make Germaine

Greer spit. The trouble with spoofing airheaded females is that for every prejudice ridiculed another is reinforced, but perhaps even on BBC2 comedy archetypes are bet-ter taken at face value than treated to Late Show-style analysis. They are, after all, only joking.

Is Northern Exposure (Monday, Channel 4, 10pm) only joking? Even the Channel 4 press release cannot decide: "not quite drama, not exactly a comedy . . . a weekly hour of easy-going, occasionally even surreal, genial whimsy that blows in from Alaska".

Yes, repeat no. The programme is reportedly settled in the top 20 American ratings and Channel 4

looks as if he has yet to start that territory, as well as the lower shaving. In fact, for the first ten reaches of the US schedules: minutes I thought he was going Cheers, Hill Street Blues, St Elsewhere and the aforemeninto medical school, not coming out. But yes, this is not exactly tioned Golden Girls. If Northern comedy, not exactly drama, and Exposure is to reach those heights shame on those at Channel 4 who it will have to survive a slow-burn want us to think it is something opening, in which the young, brash New Yorker funded through like Twin Peaks. Nothing like Twin Peaks is what

medical school by the state of Alaska has to pay his dues by starting to practise in that remote it is, but if you can set aside the stereotypical New York Jewish boy, the stereotypical Alaskan backwoods town and the stereo-He is sent to a hick town and typical young beauty who turns out to be a sophisticated business-woman who flies her own plane for thoroughly detests it, but, of course, the natives prove to be less unfriendly than is apparent at first sight, when most of them appear a living ... accept all that and Northern Exposure could build a to consist of beards, which only stop when confronted with

following among cultists. Which is what Channel 4 is for. isn't it?

Cults, especially in comedy, can often be short-lived, but Jack Dee already shows signs of being a stand-up comic who could stand

up to further exposure. The Jack Dee Show (Channel 4. Wednes-days, 10.30pm) offers a welcome change from the right-on comedy of Ben Elton et al. Dee is right-off: present him with a child wearing a badge that says "you smoke," choke" and Dee knows just what to do: "I started smoking again, I thought, I'll go for that, that's a good deal."

Ostensibly Dee's is a show plus guests and although this week's rare glimpse of Georgie Fame was by no means the worst possible musical interlude, such conventions are tired and formulaic, especially when talented musicians such as Fame are wheeled on to perform ancient hits.

If Dee is good enough, and I think he is, give him a straight half-hour at the microphone. Good comics need no frills, but weeks like this can sure do with some good comics.

PREVIEW

Screen Two: The Law Lord

(BBC 2, Sunday, 9.55pm)
The BBC's edginess in the face of accusations of political bias appears not to have infected the drama department (and rightly so), therefore the latest in a generally excellent Screen Two series goes out tomorrow. Written by John Cooper (who is a barrister), the story concerns a new government taking power with a greatly reduced majority (oh, surely not), in which an ambitious young home secretary (unheard of) appoints a Lord Chancellor (not called Mackay) to rein in the legal profession without consulting Parliament. Er... fiction. The play stars Anthony Andrews and Bernard Hill.

 Wildlife on One: Pandas Aren't Always Cuddly

(BBC 1, Monday, 8.30pm) There cannot be a department in all of television's many houses as consistently brilliant as the BBC's natural history unit. Monday's programme is a film that could change the cuddly image of the panda for good, containing as it does what is said to be the first proof that pandas eat meat, in this case a leg of deer. The film was shot by Marianne Wilding in the Sichuan province of China, some of it at 8,000 feet and amid breathtaking landscape. The narrator is David Attenborough.

• 40 Minutes: Farewell, Fab 208

(BBC 2, Tuesday, 9.50pm) For people of a certain age. Radio Luxembourg represents a signifi-cant, if retrospectively silly, time of rebellion; a radio station more heard under the beddothes than outside the bedroom. The station introduced rock 'n' roll to a generation and trained disc jock-eys who became household names: Kid Jensen, Tony Blackburn, Pete Murray et al. The station became a dinosaur on an over-populated landscape, and most of those tonight mourning its passing into the satellite-only world probably cannot recall the last time they tuned in. At least 40 Minutes gives it a deservedly decent send-off.

Trading Places

(ITV, Friday, 8pm)
Daft ideas are forgivable in a good cause, and can be fun. Cilla Black introduces a look back at a day on which people around the country traded jobs with celebrities to raise money for breast cancer research. The outcome is surprisingly entertaining, in a Friday night sort of a way. The highlights include Joan-na Lumley sweeping the streets and Hale and Pace training with the England rugby team, who would probably have preferred Lumley. I doubt very much that she was complaining, however.

Join the magic mystery tour

Illusion and

comedy combine this week when The

Magic Comedy Strip starts a sixweek run on ITV

erhaps because tele-vision is itself a box of tricks, magic has never really been at home in the medium. It is difficult enough for a magician to overcome the scepticism of his audience without the potential for speeffects and trick

David Nixon, the grandfa-ther of on-screen sorcery, solved the problem by embracing it. Today it is quite obvious that his stunts depended on camera work rather than sleight-of-hand.

John Fisher is an old hand at combining bamboozlement with broadcasting. He is the man responsible for introducing Ronn Lucas and Paul Daniels to television. His latest production. The Magic Comedy Strip, begins a six-week run on ITV this Monday. So what is the trick

of successful spellbinding?
The most important thing is to keep trust with the audience." Fisher says. "With TV anything is possible. But you must always try to convey the bafflement of a live performance. Magic does not work by itself. It is a mystery, a puzzle to be worked out through the interaction of the

magician and the audience." Man has been duping his fellow men for centuries and the basic appeal of seeing it done has not changed. This may explain why so much magic seems old-fashioned.



Tricksters: the line-up, from left, is Jeff Hobson, Rudy Coby and David Williamson

There are only about eight fundamental tricks that a magician can perform," Fisher says. "He can make something vanish or appear, make something change position, or pass something through something else.

There is impossible communication — mind reading and impossible actions: being in two places at once and so on. It is not so much what trick you do as the way you do it. Cleo Laine and Annie Lennox could sing the same song, but each time it would be a different

experience." The three resident wizards of The Magic Comedy Strip are Jeff Hobson, David Williamson and Rudy Coby. They are being billed as the new wave of TV magicians. Fisher describes Hobson as "Julian Clary doing magic".

On the evidence of the pilot

show there seems to be little

new in his act, which involves transferring eggs from one bag to another, stealing wristwatches and humiliating the audience. His camp humour may alienate the politically correct viewer, but there is no

"He's the nearest thing to an American Paul Daniels," Fisher says. "He's not new, but he's young and he's got an extremely sharp mind."

doubt that his legerdemain is

"The magic is really a pretext," says Williamson, who comes from the American school of improvisation. "I try to create situations that have never been created before. I aim to take risks and burst through the fourth

One of his props is a handpuppet called Rocky the Raccoon, which he manipulates with astonishing agility. "It's a stupid stuffed animal, but if the audience laughs then they

will follow me on to the wilder shores. I like people to scream. when I scream."

territory.

paunches. The men are fairly

Young Doc Fleischman is

played by Rob Morrow, who

sounds aggressively bearded but

unpromising, too.

"I'd go to the ends of the earth to find a trick that will mystify," Rudy Coby, who is

also from the US, says.

"He has more ideas than anyone I know," Fisher says.
Coby's character is called Lab Man, an incredible hulk in a white coat and dark glasses, who can sprout an extra pair

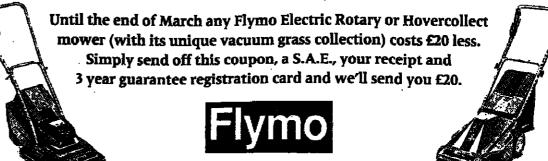
Coby finds inspiration in Warner Brothers cartoons and Marvel comics, designing every trick on paper first.
"If it works on the page, I'll make it work on the stage." His fondness for robotics has introduced him to the Pinewood technicians who brought The Terminator to life. The only thing his act does not feature is a white

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Benedict Nightingale reviews a George Bernard Shaw play directed by Trevor Nunn

Timely echoes from past

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Heartbreak House Theatre Royal, Haymarket

THE timing is nice. Breathless, pushy election posters are going up all over Britain, and inside the Haymarket a venerable voice from the past attacks the "ridiculous sham democracy" that threatens to wreck the ship of state. "The captain is in his bunk drinking boiled ditchwater, and the crew is gambling in the forecastle," it rumbles. "She will strike and sink and split. Do you think God's laws will be suspended in favour of England

because you were born in it?"
Sound familiar? The voice belongs both to Paul Scofield, playing the baleful sage and revolutionary Shotover, and to Shaw, whose halfserious, half-satirical self-portrait Shotover is. Heartbreak House, which the designer William Dudley presents as the cream-streaked steel skeleton of an ancient steamer, is at once his quirky abode and an emblem of Britain itself: a land fecklessly ceded by its more cultured citizens to the philistines, autocrats and finan-cial sharks. The time is the Great War or thereabouts; but there are moments in Trevor Nunn's production when Shaw's attack on our island smugness has resonance today.

For all the energy of Nunn's fine cast, Hearthreak House remains a rambling, dreamlike piece, all witty paradoxes, sharp chatter and ominous symbolism. Insofar as there is a plot at all, it involves Imogen Stubbs's lovelorn Ellie, who loses her romantic illusions, cynically decides to marry the wealthy financier. David Calder insecurely swaggering Mangan, and then joins the guru Shotover in what's meant to be a spiritual compact between youth and age, vitality and

experience, hope and wisdom. But the plot often splinters into spirited argument on such themes as political chicanery, capital punish-ment and (a prime emphasis) the tendency of pretty Englishwomen morally and mentally to castrate capable Englishmen. It all ends with the characters being awoken from Shavian reverie by falling bombs and actually enjoying explosions that, in



Captain Shotover (Paul Scofield) with Ellie Dunn (Imogen Stubbs) in Heartbreak House

Nunn's revival, rock the stage and sunder the eardrums. The grim joke is that Heartbreak House, or Britain,

Here, the ranks of the frivolous, charming and self-destructive are led by Daniel Massey, all dandified whiskers and throbbing tenor vowels as the dashing Hector Hushabye, and Vanessa Redgrave as Hesione, the wife who has assiduously unmanned him. Hers is an especially strong performance: a loose-limbed gipsy queen in an improbable Afro-hairdo with an implausibly long plait.

twirling and laughing with glee as she amiably destroys those unwary enough to venture into her force-field. Overall, Nunn's production strikes

me as more vivid than the revival at this address in 1983 or the one at the National in 1975. The encounters, for instance those between the peppy Stubbs and the predatory Redgrave, are more passionate. Even Hesione's sister Ariadne, meant to embody all that is snooty and conventional, is played by Felicity Kendal as a sentient, sexy woman long repressed by upper-crust mores. And then, of

course, there is Scofield. He grumpily bumbles about the stage sporting a wild white halo of hair, yet always seems more than a crank or eccentric. Listen to that dark, higherious voice, confiding his fear of age, senility,

becoming "a fruit gone rotten".

There is something of Shaw the man. Listen to the prayer for the safety of Britain, not in my text, he booms out at the end to the half-ironic accompaniment of Land of Hope and Glory. Superficially spurious it may be; but there, surely, is Shaw the patriot, still with us at election-tide.

Ideal as an export

os Angeles may seem the most unlikely place d to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Finnish independence with a new opera based on their national epic, the Kalevala. Aulis Sallinen had, after all, composed Kullervo for the opening of the new Finnish National Opera in Helsinki this year, but with the building still unfinished, the celebration

found itself taking place far from home. Audiences in Los Angeles have been well prepared by performances of Sibelius's Kullervo symphony and with a battery of pre-performance talks, initiating them into at least the first degrees of Finnish mythology. But all of

this was hardly necessary. The nice paradox is that this, in many ways most deeply Finnish of all Sallinen's operas, is also the most universal. The social dimensions of its tale of the romantic antihero, cursed through life by a bad upbringing, goes straight to the heart of this century; the spiritual reso-nances of the Kalevala's folk wisdom transcend any time, any place.

Sallinen's early operas The Horseman and The Red Line travelled, but remain essentially Finnish works. The King goes forth to France broke national barriers by being not only performed but also part-commissioned by the Royal Opera. Covent Garden. That work's 1987 performance showed it to be a "collective fable" which simply collected too much, ver-bally and musically, for its own good. Its musical edecticism and its verbal surrealism have been replaced in Kullervo by a tough, spare

musical language at one with its own libretto. Kullervo's libretto is crafted by the composer himself, a strong, lithe construct, fusing the hypnotic rhythms of the Kalevala metre itself with the opening out of its human relationship inspired by Aleksis Kivi's 1864 Kullervo play. This is the Sallinen export opera par excellence:

OPERA

Kullervo Los Angeles Opera

London should see.

The story is billed in Los Angeles as "an emotionally charged tale of arson, incest and murder". It tells of the orphaned survivor of a family feud who kills his scheming foster mother, sleeps with his sister and takes final vengeance on his parents' murderers before immolating himself. That, says the Kalevala, in one of its typical homely asides, is what comes from being "ill-rocked in the cradle". Nature or nurture, karma or culture, Oedipus or Achilles: the scene is ripe for

any artist who picks it.

For Sallinen it has provided liberation for much that is at the heart of his own writing. He has never been a composer much given to musical development or contrapuntal tension. Here, his penchant for short, simple rhythmic and melodic motifs comes into its own in the primitive four-note figures and intervals which gnaw away inexo-rably. The obvious echoes of Greek tragedy also stimulate Sallinen to a dramatically shrewd range of narrative devices. This, in turn, spurs him to some of his finest choral and solo writing, both thrown into sharp relief by the skill of Kalle Holmberg's

As fearful onlookers whose



Jorma Hynninen sings the title role. Kullervo

modern dress contrasts with the gleaming robes and back-wood rags of the principals. the chorus group and re-group to chart their haunting lines from the Kalevala. In a real coup de théâtre, Sallinen has a blind poet relate Kullervo's seduction of his own sister: his endless melody, poised between the idioms of ballad and jazz, is experienced by Kullervo as dream, by the audience as something

almost super-sensible. In between, in short scenes. come the human encounters of Kullervo's life: the violent murders but also, in the composer's words, the "three areas of warmth" which permeate an otherwise chill score. Deviating from the Kalevala itself, Sallinen introduces the character of Kimmo (the tenor Jorna Silvasti) Horatio to Kullervo's Hamlet, a sweet childhood friend, a symbol of the "new and better tribe" needed for humanity's future.

ust as Kimmo's piping flute music softens the harsh primitivism of the score, so clarinet, harp and vibraphone soften its light as Kullervo's guardian, the young and sensuous Smith's Wife (mezzo soprano Anna-Lisa Jakobsson), attempts to seduce Kullervo in singing of Janacekian suppleness and power. It is the totally selfless love of Kullervo's mother (the dramatic soprano Eeva-Liisa Saarinen), though, which draws from Sallinen his most richly lyrical writing.

Enclosed by the grey walls and brown doors of Mans Hedström's economic set, and lit by the cool overhead rays of Claude Naville's equally eloquent lighting, Finland's great baritone, Jorma Hynninen, as Kullervo, stands at the centre of the work. It is a role made for this archetype of the an-guished suffering hero and, with Ulf Söderblom's incisive conducting of the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, he has created a hard act to follow.

HILARY FINCH

AT ABOUT 500 pages a book, Mervyn Peake's pair of Condensed flavour novels. Titus Groan and

Gormenghast, are so packed with Gothic goodies that only a fraction can survive the transfer from page to stage. Yet the flavour of this version by the David Glass Ensemble iastes true. Its central struggle between rebellion and inertia develops, as it should, into a matter of life and Rae Smith's design does

not attempt to create the rotting, labyrinthine interior Peake's themselves

in the mind through verbal quirks, gross physical deformities (Swelter's terrible belly, Flay's creaking knee-joints) and violent encounters that result in further deformity or death. John Constable's adaptation presents enough of the colourful oaths to leaven the dense manoeuvring with

his cell to the castle heights, four actors manipulate poles to show the shifting geometry of his route. Less successfully, Di Sher-

THEATRE lock does not build Titus's mother, the cat-mad Countess, into a figure greater than the sum of her odd parts. Another weak area is the declaration of revolt by Titus (Peter Bailie) against the dead weight of ritual: "Mother, I want to be free." This is a whimper, not a battle-cry.

whole these lapses are of little account. What the Ensemble has managed to find, as well as a dramatic pulse, is that weird logic in Peake's vision. where extremes collide in a self-contained world that is, like Kafka's castle, only a distorted version of our own

JEREMY KINGSTON

of Gormenghast's castle. The stage is black and, in the rear wall, seven door frames open on to a shadowy corridor. The main area of the stage serves as library, Swelter's kitchen, innumerable dusty passages, private rooms, garden, battle-ments and, finally, the floodwaters beneath which young Titus battles for his life with

characters

Gormenghast

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humour, and Glass's fertile directorial skill can delight with its wit while it telescopes long narrative episodes into

When Paul Hamilton, excellent as the foul-tongued Master of Ritual and as the loyal servant Flay, descends to the kitchens, the other six cast members move the doors out of the set to create a network of corridors. When Richard Attlee's deadly Steerpike, precise, even dainty in the fluid movement

world.

of his limbs, clambers out of

Dusting off the satin sheets

THIS was not quite scratchproof music-making: there were a few instrumental blotches and a couple of places where Simon Rattle's driving tempo slipped from under the orchestral skin. maybe because these were performances not caught at a summit but pushing towards next month's American tour.

Even so: wow. We began with Debussy's Jeux, full of springing tossed rhythms and marvellous complex colours, smoky and opalescent, where the unaided ear found it hard to CONCERT

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identify what combinations of instruments could possibly be making these sounds. A generation ago, when the score was being rediscovered by Boulez and others, nobody talked very much about how sexy it is. Under Rattle, though, its abstract virtues of transparency, lightness and precision go along with the feel of satin sheets, the smell of an unmade bed. That Jeux failed to make

much mark in 1913, when it was new, is usually explained by the revelation just a fort-night later of another Diaghilev ballet: The Rite of Spring. Here we heard both works and the danger was rather that together they would eclipse Elgar's Falstaff. But not a bit of it.

For one thing, the slip from Debussy to Elgar, like an airship grounding, was a shock and a lesson in itself. Also, Falstaff in this performance was in no way fusty. Rattle discovered in the piece a caustic intensity close to Mahler, particularly wherever the cellos take the lead. and drew out the double nature of the main theme first proud and rolling, then a shadowed alter ego.

There was even a touch of Debussy's cakewalk when we reached Eastcheap, and some wind calls of maybe Stravinskian antiquity from Shallow's orchard. As never before, one realised how Elgar might have been capable of a Janacek-like self-transtermation if he had gone on composing into the Twenties. It was a sensible innovation, too, to plot the course of the piece with clear projected

captions. Nobody needs that help in The Rite of Spring, which is not so much an illustration of sacrifice as a display. This performance had a closegripped exactness of sound and rhythm to tighten the fury of the big fast dances. and a great richness and sensuality in the slumbering preparations. The opening passage for reeds and pipes led by an excellent solo bassoon, was specially good. PAUL GRIFFITHS

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A taste of Britain in Belgium

Belgium was at Au Pot Carre, Place in Brussels: wood panelling, tiled floor, bright fluorescent lighting, nicotine stained paintwork. This was an authentic workaday bar, something of a haven in the food Disneyland that lines the cobbled side streets leading away from the square; restaurants with vivid displays of pink crustacea and pearly molluses, touts begging us to fill the empty chairs, and huge clouds of mussel-scented steam waiting through ventilators of indige nous restaurants to vie with the charred lamb smoke billowing through the windows of the Greek restaurants next

The taste was of kriek, the sharply fruity beer from the Lambik brewery. It was followed by gueuze, another beer with a similar sharp shock to the palate. An acquired taste, we decided, and with only 24 hours in Belgium we did not have time to acquire it. Back to some Stella Artois on draught, at half the

However, it did occur to me that these beers would be marvellous for cooking: rabbit in kriek and mussels in gueuze. And this was exactly what we saw on restaurant menus while on our way to dinner at La Maison du Cygne, where we had a plate of waterzooi, the traditional Flemish dish, which is a soothingly simple broth of vegetables and chicken.

Improbably, I had gone to Belgium to taste food from Britain. The organisation which promotes our food-stuffs had sponsored, jointly with the local gastronomic review. Culinaire Ambience. a competition for women chefs to devise a menu using British ingredients.

To find this taste of Britain, we drove off through rural Belgium, across invisible borders, our hosts pointing out when we crossed from Flanders to Wallonia and back again. The hamlet and the restaurant, named Kokejane, lie among leek fields near

Solange de Brouwer's food



Frances Bissell, The Times cook, enjoys familiar fare in the unfamiliar surroundings of Flanders

suming, not to say predic-

Consommé à la langue et ris d'agneau Saumon d'Ecosse aux Jonagold et citron vert Filet de Scotch beef en papillotte Bavarois de blue Stilton

Indulgent au sabayon de single malt Scotch whisky

In the eating, however, each course was a subtle blend of skilled techniques. simple presentation and direct, unfussy flavours. The stilton was the only ingredient whose flavour and texture she changed, by mixing it with cream and softening it to make it more appealing to the Beigian palate. Served with a few salad leaves, or on a round of hot toast, it makes an excellent cheese course.

For the soup, lambs' tongues and sweetbreads were blanched, poached, skinned and finely diced, and then added to lamb broth, in which diced carrot and celery were cooked. It was homely and delicious.

Served with apples and lime, the salmon dish was one of the best and most unusual I have tasted for some time. It sounds like a pretentious combination, and there are many who do not like the savoury-sweet marriage of fruit and meat and fish. I do. and this dish is a winner.

Mme de Brouwer gave me the recipe, which I reproduce here. She uses Jonagold apples which, although a dessert variety, are good cookers, with crisp, juicy, well-fla-youred white flesh. I have also included the sauce recipe, which she served with an exceptionally elegant dessert of crisp tiers and creamy layers. Much use is made of malt whisky in her kitchen, in both sweet and savoury dish-

is worth the journey. On es, and I thought this creamy paper, her menu looked unas-sabayon would go well with a sabayon would go well with a

hot apple tart. If you are cooking for a fairly large dinner party, I commend Mme de Brouwer's method of cooking Aberdeen Angus fillet. The whole fillet is seared all over, not marinated first, because the flavour of the meat is already very good, and then enclosed in a large papillote of baking parch-ment, together with a splash of madeira, some seasoning and sliced truffles, which I would treat as an optional extra. The meat is then put back in a very hot oven to finish cooking. The paper parcel browns and swells up from the steam, which is only released, together with the good smells, when the dish is brought to the table and the

paper split open. If you can get lambs' tongues and a pair of sweetbreads, blanch and poach them and then peel and dice and add to the soup for the last few minutes. Or make the soup with vegetables and

This recipe is based on the one we were served at Kokejane. The stock is best made the day before, so that it can be de-greased by chilling and removing the layer of fat.

Lamb and spring vegetable broth (serves 4) 2lb/900g middle or scrag end

of lamb, chopped l leek 2 celery stalks l carrot) small turnip I bay leaf 1 sprig of thyme or lemon

a piece of lemon zest sible from the meat and brown the pieces in a large, heavy saucepan. Scrub and

peel the vegetables and add

6 peppercoms

some of the peelings to the pan, with the herbs, spices and lemon zest. Pour on about 4-5pt/2-21 of water. Bring to the boil, skim the surface, and simmer on the lowest heat, partially covered, for three to four hours.

Meanwhile finely dice the vegetables. Strain the stock, cool, and then chill it, and remove the layer of fat which will congeal on the surface. Put the stock back into a saucepan with the diced vegetables and cook until the vegetables are just tender, adding the tongue and sweetbreads, if using them, or a little diced cooked lamb. Season to taste and serve.

Wild Scotch salmon with English apples and time

(serves 6) 6 escalopes of salmon (702/200g

3 crisp, firm dessert apples 602/170g unsaited butter

20z/60g sugar 3thsp dry white wine 2 or 3 limes

salt, pepper Hour

Rinse and dry the salmon escalopes and put to one side. Peel and thinly slice the apples. Thickly butter an ovenproof dish, or cast-iron frying pan, and put the apple slices in it, together with the sugar and white wine. Cook a moderate oven at 180C/350F. gas mark 4 for ten minutes, and then remove from the oven, and keep the sauce, use most of the remaining butter at room temperature. Decant the apple cooking juices into a sauce-pan. Peel the zest from the limes and reserve it. Squeeze the fruit, and add 'ept/70ml of the juice to the pan. Let the liquid reduce slightly over a low heat. Gradually add most of the remaining butter, a little at a time, whisking it to thoroughly blend and emulsify the ingredients. Keep the butter sauce warm while you quickly cook the salmon. Lightly season the fillets, and dust with flour. Cook them in the remaining butter for about five minutes. Arrange the apple slices on heated

plates, the salmon on top, and

spoon over the sauce. Gar-



(serves 4-6) 2tbsp caster sugar 3-4thsp single malt whisky

4 free-range egg yolks

Put the sugar and whisky in a bowl set over a pan containing simmering water, without letting it touch the water. Stir in the egg yolks and then whisk until the mixture beribbon of it, trailed from the whisk across the mixture, holds its shape for five sec-

onds. Serve immediately A less rich sauce is made by using two whole eggs, instead of four egg yolks. In either case, the eggs are barely

THIS is the stilton recipe from last year's winner of the Lady Chef competition in Holland, Ida van den Hurk; again, adapted to a palate

powerful than stilton au natur. It is easy to make and good as a starter or cheese course, served with salad.

(serves 4) 60z/170g stilton 2 ½ fl oz/70ml cream thsp clear, mild honey

4 freshly made pancakes Cream the stilton with a fork. or in a food processor, and blend in the cream and among the pancakes and fold into parcels, or tie into bun-dles with chives. Serve cold, or heat through in the oven for 8-10 minutes.

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Other Douro quintas followed, including Quinta de Terra Feita and the magnificent Quinta de Vargellas in 1893, just 25 miles from the Spanish border. The wines of this extraordinary, hot, arid, scrub-like and once very inhospitable estate, without road or electricity, but with its

own tiny, single-gauge rail-way, are some of the most memorable in the Douro: dense, dark, powerful and with an unmistakable scent of Vargellas grapes, still trod-

den by foot just as they were in Job Bearsley's day, always provide the backbone of Taylor's vintage ports, and are equally capable of being bot-tled on their own as a single quinta port. Defining the taste of Tay-

lor's vintage port, outside of the Vargellas violet-scented power, is not easy. Taylor's is usually a massive, long-lived wine with heaps of structure, tannin, backbone and elegance too. Great Taylor's vintages such as '27, '77, '45 and even the '08 all have the staying power of well over 50

vears of life. Dick Yeatman, Alistair Robertson's uncle, used to urge his nephew to "always look for a bit of green, my boy" on assessing the best wines and vintages. What he meant by that was not, it seems, a herbaceous quality, nor even a hint of green in the colour, although very venerable Taylor vintages like the 1908 and 1863 do have this hue at their rims: I rather think that a sort of firm, tannic, youthful greenness was Yeatman's key to future greatness. Few of Taylor's vintage and Vargellas wines are without it,

Up-town meets down-home



MY MARGON

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acquiring fashionable

rusticity is not to overdo it, says

Jonathan Meades

nows On The Green is an essay in the higher bistro idiom, a bit of a fashion item certainly, but most welcome since the fashion in question is for eater-friendly conservative dishes at low prices. The other current fashion, for orientalised western cooking, is one that I find less appealing,

although the east/west craze at least has the advantage of rootlessness and of affinities with nouvelle cuisine, which is still the only cuisine that most restaurant chefs appear to know - too many chefs are incapable of dissembling their unfamiliarity with the more robust food they're now called upon to The blip at Snows is caused not

by the hangover of nouvelle cuisine. but by, on the contrary, convert's zeal. Every so often there is an instance of imbalance where a dish leans so heavily towards its down-home origins that you imag-ine the kitchen is momentarily manned by some lusty domestic murderer from the remotest Au-

At its worst Snows' cooking is fade, a word which has no English twin — it connotes a mix of insipidity and grossness. It's not really surprising that grossness figures here, for Mr Snow was previously sous-chef at 190 Queensgate, a restaurant which might have been devised by a soviet of cardiac surgeons in order to drum up trade — it serves what is unquestionably the richest cooking in London

But it does season the food properly. The second of two meals l ate recently at Snows was notable. for the constant timidity shown in this department. The place is popular, the menu is probably overlong, the kitchen is no doubt under pressure. The result is that potentially very good cooking is let down by inattention to detail. A potato "fritter" (a sort of latke) with snails and wild mushrooms was bland, hardly salted, and bereft of the gremolata (parsley/ garlic/lemon peel mix) which would have given it a bit of lift. Cassoulet seemed to consist mainly of (quite good) sausage, beans and carrot - onion and garlic were missing, so was big flavour. Oxtail is served shredded, off the



spud, for that breaks down the starch. Use the grater. Calf brain was done in the classic manner with black butter and with the non-classic addition of a spaghetini — non-classic and pointless. The Llack butter was too acidulated for dental comfort.

Now for the items which suggest that Snows is (or is capable of being) a few cuts above the average bistro. Salt cod brandade is done in the version that mixes the fish with mash — it is very good indeed, served with crostini and a pond of olive oil. (Each table here gets its own fiasco of extra virgin oil — which is right-on and incidentally, pleasing too.) Foie gras is served with a fried egg one of several ideas that Mr Snow has borrowed from Pierre Koffmann's Memories of Gascony; it's undeniably rich, but there's not so much of it that you're likely to throw up. A chartreuse of partridge was complicated and rather better than it may sound: the breast meat is served in a cabbage leaf with a farce of chopped cabbage and ricotta: the legs are served on another part of the plate with entire garlic cloves; also lurking in the depths of the cabbage is a slice of *zampone*. about the muralled basement with

also prompted me to wonder for a moment if the word Spam is derived from zampone - but of course it's not. Best end of lamb is served with an aubergine and mozzarella gratin. Haddock comes with spinach and a sauce which, though rich, seems positively penurious when compared to the majority of offerings.

here's an outstanding rice pudding with candied fruits in it, a curious chocolate cake which may or may not be made with polenta, and the cheese choice is Hobson's - Parmesan with rocket and (natch) olive oil. The wine list is just a bit too curt, too butch. The outfit has its failings then. And it has a way to go before it can begin to match The Brackenbury, which is only 700 yards distant and which serves the same clientele, I guess. But Snows - the green is Brook Green — is so patently well intentioned, so obviously ungrabby, so clearly capable of one day making the pieces come together that I don't think it's a rash recommendation. The ground floor dining-room is a congenial space. I'm not so sure

"loos" as a token of its U-ness. The staff are pleasant enough, though I must admit to a prejudice against pony-tailed waiters - they may be marvellous human beings but their flopsy hair is capable of destroying my good humour. Those who ape horses risk becoming salami. Belgian proverb. The French waiters at St Quen-

tin have modest, stay-at-home hairdos. They look like amiable bank clerks in contented small towns. They are proficient to the degree of being genuinely apolo-genc over a wrong bill. This is a persistently smart restaurant peach colour Jazz Modern mirrors with sketchy incisions, a long bar, a cashier in a demi-booth, banquettes. And it didn't get the way it is today by resting on its laurels. In order to keep up with fashion it has recently heavied-up its cooking or rusticated it, bucolicked it, whatever.

Turnip soup is splendidly flavoured, the absolute essence of that root, very creamy, not particularly delicate. A sweetbread feuillete with a vinegary sauce was less successful — good thymus, but soggy pastry. Not so much heavy and rustic as simply heavy-handand rustic as simply heavy-handed. The sauce was billed as 5W3 (071-589 8005)

that the chef on BBC2's Food and Drink programme believes this word is pronounced pee-kwant. There is an odd dish of veal steak gratinated with oyster mushrooms and a sauce that includes septumscraping horseradish. Then there's a rogue cassoulet: brick red not, apparently, from tomato, but from pimenton (I think). It otherwise included lamb on the bone, duck confit, poitrine fumée, and a sausage which struck me as having been too finely minced, too dense. Not a bad dish; far from a

classic though.

The puddings include a poor tarte fine aux pommes - too thick, insufficiently cooked, and sauced with sugary caramel. The current version of this establishment's long-running orange and choco-late sweet is, characteristically, heavy. The proportion of chocolate to orange is massively increased, balance has gone, and freshness with it. Sound all-French wine list.

Snows on the Green

166 Shepherds Bush Road.
London W12 (071-603 2142) Lunch Sun to Fri, dinner Mon to Sat. St Quentin

the answer is not to food-mix the This is the over-egging element. It its trompe l'oeil door proclaiming piquant: it is interesting to note Lunch and dinner every day. E60 plus.

JONATHAN MEADES'S RESTAURANT GUIDE

Marks — up to a maximum of ten — are awarded for cooking and although they are intended to reflect value for money they are not determined by this consideration alone: certain very costly restaurants are very good, certain very cheap ones are, too. All prices given are approximate — they are for a three-course meal for two, including modest wine and an aperitif. Dishes are mentioned only as an indication of the repertoire. Never be afraid to complain. Phone first. It is not only discourteous but illegal to dishonour bookings; that goes for restaurants as well as customers, J.M.

NOTABLE INTERIORS

The Market Bar 3 240a Portobello Road, London W11 (071-229 6472)

An impressive leat of opera design boldy barroque, vaguely Hispanic, thor-oughly unrestrained. There are fretted wood screens, candelabra with so much wood screens, candetabra with so much wax hanging from them they're like Old English sheepdogs, wrought metal chairs. It's among the most startling looking restaurants in London. The cooking is, in comparison, a bit timid but not displeasing — plaice with breadcrumb crust and duck confit salad are both all right. £53. Dinner Mon-Sat.

1 West Street, Cambridge Circus, London WC2 (071-836 4751) In the middle of the century this was among London's most fashionable restaurants. Then it fell on hardish times. It has been rescued by the times. It has been rescued by the owners of Le Caprice who have refurbished it in a generically 1930s style which shuns pastiche. There are commissioned works by Hodgkin, Caulfield, Paolozzi etc. The atmosphere is sedate, almost staid, certainly restful. The menu nods towards old fashioned London "continental" establishments. but the cooking is vastly more accom-plished. The chips are superb, so are the grilled meats. There's fine pasta with ceps, there's braised oxiall, there's smooth service. £50-£100. Lunch and dinner every day.

20 Mount Street, London WI (071-629 5248)

Piscine grub for loud pinstripes and gullible tourists. The dining room is magnificent, the service is ancien

regime, the prices are outrageous. The cooking is a mixture of nursery, "continental", and the gastro nightmare called "good plain English". About £100. Lunch Mon-Sat. dinner every day.

6 79 Upper St Giles Street, Norwich (0603 633522)

A pretty restaurant in one of Norwich's many pretty streets. The interior is alarmingly green and hung with some good little paintings. The cooking is unlikely to astound with its fireworks but is diligent, considered, pleasing even if flavours tend to be slightly muted. Pastrywork is first rate, the cheeses are good, the wines are nearly all good ones. If the British quality of polite reserve is one you admire then this is for you. £45 lunch, £72 dinner. Lunch Tues-Fri, dinner Tues-Sat.

30 Clifton Road, London W9 (071-286 2266)

Fashionably blitzed interior, un-fashionably indifferent cooking. The kitchen can't trim meat, nor can it cook it accurately — this is quite a failing in a predominantly char-grill establishment. It also has a tendency to use strawberries as a "garnish". The service is chaotic in an unwinning way. £50 plus. Lunch and dinner every day.

43 Charminster Road.
Bournemouth (0202 29 1019)
A sort of feline nightmare. The boudoir-like interior is thick with cat statues and car plates and all-purpose cattery. The cooking is 1970s, but none the worse for that. Warm avocado, rather heavily sauced monklish and duck, excellent souffles. Eclectic selection of wines at fair prices. E55-60. Dinner Tues-Sat.

BASEMENTS

The City Brasserie Plantation House, 9a Mincing Lane, London EC3 (071-220 7094)

Large basement beneath a mid-century block. Once owned by the late Peter Langan it still bears his hallmark of paintings everywhere. The cooking is better than the City mean but the kitchen suffers the problem of all its lunchers turning up at the same moment. This means it is more than usually reliant on pre-preparation, given which it attempts too many too ambitious dishes. Some of them come off, others don't. The habitual idiom is Franglais with a tendency to use oriental spices. E75 plus. Lunch Mon-

2 143 Knightsbridge, London SW1 (071-225 2553) Handsome basement oddity — a Chinese wine bar frequented by braying young pinstripes. The snack type dishes are better than those served as full

meals. Stick to satay, deep tried aubergine, spring rolls, etc. The house champagne is acceptable. £45 plus. Lunch and dinner Mon-Sat.

11 Beauchamp Place, London SW3 (071-581 3837) ant enough basement. Part of the Sun. £65.

repertoire's appeal is its unfamiliarity - bean curd with cod roe, cuttle fish with cod roe, bean curd with salmon entrails, dried sardine fry, sea cucum ber etc. But equally the quality is beguiling. The constant counterpoint of subtlety and belligerence of flavour is remarkable. E80 plus. Lunch Tues-Sat. dinner Tues-Sun.

1a Henrietta Street, London WC2 (071-836 7061) Grand and old-fashioned basement,

made even more old-fashioned with a container load of naïve paintings of dumb animals. The cooking has one idiom which is that of super-richness. Sweetbreads with a heavy meat sauce, extravagant sweets, good wines and mostly amiable service. A mecca for corporate diners and loud men with florid cheeks. £125 plus. Lunch Mon-Fri, dinner Mon-Sat.

Mulligans of Mayfair (071-409 1370)

An Irish "theme" restaurant - but unlike most such gimmicked outfits it's not low rent. The cooking of Irish stew, the potato dishes such as boxty and colcannon, turnip and brown bread soup, and of boiled ham with parsley sauce is sound. Much of the menu is all purpose Franglais. The wines are sonably priced. The basement restaurant is rather sombre. Lunch Mon

KIND FOOD: ALISON JOHNSON

A taste for tofu

I CAUTIONED kind eaters last week against eating unlimited amounts of dairy food. But you may wonder what to substitute, particularly in dressings or sweets where you would normally use cream or yoghurt. One answer is to experiment with soya bean products.

i prefer soya milk to cows' milk on cereals, as I like the unsweet "beany taste. It performs well in sauces containing flour or cornflour, but curdles in hot drinks.

There is a variety of packaged soya milk drinks and desserts available, mostly from health food shops. They are not particularly inspiring, but certainly no worse than tinned custard.

Tofu, or beancurd, the substance which is to soya milk what cheese is to dairy milk, is a surprisingly good substitute for dairy products in sweet dishes. Tofu has very little fla-

vour, but it is a light and pleasant vehicle for strong flavours, such as chocolate, citrus or caramel. Use the "silken" variety for sweet dishes, to give a consistency much like a baked egg custard, without using eggs or dairy products.

Another advantage is that sweets made with tofu are low in calories for weight-watchers. When baked with the usual sweetening and flavouring agents at egg custard heat (140C) it firms up in a similar way. Tofu-based sweets are not subtle, but certainly not "yuk". Tofu

is an impeccably innocent vegan food; no animal product is required for its manufacture. But do not expect tofu consumption to make you meek and herbivorous. It is packed with nutritional punch: high protein, yet low fat and rich in linoleic acid and lecithin, which are beneficial in clearing cholesterol in the body.

Lime and blackenrant "cheesecake" 50z/125g crushed digestive

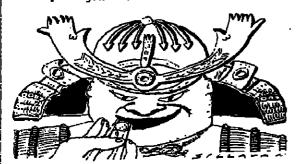
20z/50g mehed margarine 80z/400g silken tofu 2oz/50g demerara sugar grated rind and juice of 1

> 2tsp agar-agar 6tbsp water

Topping 10oz/283g tin blackcurrants ≽oz/15g comilour sugar to taste

Mix crumbs and margarine, press into loose-bot-tomed tin. Whisk or process tofu until smooth with sugar, juice and rind. Bring agar-agar to the boil in water. Whisk into tofu mixture, pour over crumb base. Allow to cool. Blend cornflour with juice of blackcurrants, boil until thickened and add fruit Cool before spreading on tofu base.

• The recipe comes from Cauldron Foods, which makes tofu and a range of products containing it. For more information and reci-pes, send SAE to Cauldron Foods, 149 South Liberty Lane, Ashton Vale Trading Estate. Bristol BS3 2TL.



Invasion of the haute cuisine all-stars

Consultant chefs are all the rage in a number of our top

hotels. But does their presence raise the standard of the food and service?

n Monday, Michel Lorain arrives at the Meridien hotel in Piccadilly, central London, to launch his new spring menu in the Oak Room. As the holder of three Michelin stars for the food at his restaurant, A la Côte St-Jacques, he is, theoretically at least, one of the top 18 chefs in France. He is also one of the growing number of elite cheis acting as consultants to British

The idea of using culinary celebrities - such as Paul Bocuse in Rio and Louis Outhier in Singapore - was pioneered internationally by the French-owned Meridien hotel group more than a decade ago.

But just what do these consultancies amount to? Are they, indeed, any more than figureheads in a costly, highprofile marketing exercise; or do they actually improve the quality of the food and service?

Ambitions vary from hotel to hotel. At the Meridien, where M Lorain has been the consultant for five years, the aim is to reproduce some of the dishes - like gazpacho of langoustines - available at A la Côte St-Jacques. To that end, a chef from the Meridien goes out to Joigny, in Burgundy to practise M Lorain's recipes, a process that is perfected when M Lorain arrives in London.

'Quite a few of his dishes are completely recreated by us," says executive chef David Chambers, who also designs his own separate menu. "We have no trouble mirroring his dishes here." If that boast is taken seri-

three star meal for about half

ously, it means in theory that you should be able to eat a

Spring menu: Michel Lorain of the Meridien, Piccadilly

Michelin star in its own right,

but the genial M Lorain warns: "You have to be vigilant. They have to understand the personality of Michel Lorain in order to reproduce his dishes. The difference between my restaurant and the Meridien is that we achieve consistency so that clients can be certain the meal will be perfect. At the Meridien, it's not possible. That's excusable, it's not three-star Michelin. In Joigny, clients come to taste

the price you would expect to the cooking of Michel Lorain. pay in Burgundy.

At the Meridien, they come to the hotel not especially for the Chambers's cooking, has a restaurant, so they expect different things." The collaboration between

M Lorain and Mr Chambers. has been a happy and, in the opinion of the critics, successful one. But the six-year involvement of Jean-André Charial with the Auberge de Provence restaurant at the St James's Court hotel has worked rather less smoothly. M Charial, who runs the Oustan de Baumanière, Les Baux, in Provence (recently demoted by Michelin from three to two stars), has an

even greater input at the Auberge de Provence than M Lorain has at the Meridien. en. The Menu Milanese we serve is identical to what you would get in Milan." He flies over every few

months or so to check on standards, supplies most of the restaurant's wine, is re-sponsible for hiring management staff - and even supplies Baumanière crockery and linen, as well as recreating dishes such as gigot d'agneau en croute. I'm happy with the quality

of the food - the nearest thing to my food outside France — but not with the activity of the restaurant," he says. Indeed, some critical indifference supports this ("the cooking is not incompetent" is as far as the Good Food Guide goes in its

praise). The reason is partly that there was a rapid turnover of staff until Olivier Massart was drafted in from Baumanière to take over as chef two years ago. To maintain standards, he now regularly hires staff from France. Another reason is that, with the best will in the world, some British produce — herbs and fish for instance - is simply not regularly up to the standard required to do justice to the subtleties of M Charial's cuisine.

Charial has not added his name, or that of his famous added his name, or restaurant, to the Auberge de Provence because, he says: "When you don't control every aspect of a restaurant, you can't put your name on it." But Italian three-star chef

Gualtiero Marchesi has had no such qualms at the Halkin hotel, which opened in Belgravia last year. He is even a partner in the restaurant. brought in by the Halkin's owner, Christina Ong - a woman whose enthusiasm for Italian chic inspired the hotel's design.

"It's not a carbon copy." Nicholas Rettie, the Halkin's general manager, says. "You can't simply lift a restaurant from its location and plonk it down in another. But the menu is his, the food is his, the staff are trained by him and our head chef is the star player from his Milan kitch-

Whether the whole effort is worthwhile is another matter (according to my colleague Jonathan Meades last week, it isn't). Albert Roux, a fulltime consultant since his son took over in the kitchen of the three-star Gavroche a couple of years ago, is sceptical about how far consultant chefs should go in trying to reproduce their menus, let alone

their restaurants.
"We are not McDonald's,"
says Mr Roux, a consultant at Hanbury Manor in Hert-fordshire, as well as at numer-

ous foreign hotels, such as the Grand in Amsterdam.

"Cooking at this level is artistry, and what I try to do is only to make sure that the culinary art is of my school. But the chef has to have a creative input himself.

"It would be very boring otherwise and, may I tell you, places which try to reproduce menus fail lamentably. The consultant has to give a place a certain degree of excellence, and the only way to do that is by putting in skilled people and giving them the right spirit."

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Vinny Lee meets an artist who has designs on your homes — and not just on the walls

erman-born artist Michael Heindorff has studied, painted and lived in London since he came to see an exhibition of Turner's work at the Royal Academy more than 18 years ago.

Now recognised as a leading contemporary artist, Mr Heindorff is offering his work for show in every home through a collection of furnishing materials.

The idea was suggested to him some time ago by Tricia Guild, of Designers Guild, the fabric and wallpaper company. Initially he was rejuctant to start.

"I perceived that there would be problems with pattern repeats and matching drops of cloth," Mr Heindorff says. "When I paint a picture it does not extend beyond the edges of the canvas, but with furnishing fabrics the 'canvas' is

When Mr Heindorff discussed his worries with Tricia Guild, she told him to forget about the technical problems and paint freely. He followed her advice and within a year produced a collection of six designs, each in three colourways and printed on three weights of cotton.

The collection, called "Still Life". is named after a repeat abstract motif reminiscent of a bowl of fruit or flowers. The second design, "May Tree", is an all-over pattern of soft, watery brush strokes that takes its name from a tree in a

painting by Goya.

More linear designs include "Cloud Lines", which has the atmosphere created by the light at sunrise and sunset on clouds. "Leaf Light" comprises hundreds of spots of colour, creating the impression that you are looking up at sunlight through a canopy of leaves.

"Sun Dabs" is a dense pattern made up from a variety of shapes and sizes of dots and has, in the rouge colourway, the appearance of Tuscan terracotta roof tiles.

The final design, "Tracer", has various widths of stripes and colours similar to ripples of water on the shoreline, interspersed with rows of irregular shapes, like stones skimming on the surface of the

Tricia Guild is pleased with the results of her collaboration with Mr

"Working with contemporary artists is very much a part of my philosophy and a great source of inspiration," she says.

Michael Heindorff for many years and have enormous admiration for his work. He has translated onto fabric the same dynamic energy and expanpaintings, making magical repeat-

Sofa art for the masses

ing images reminiscent of the landscape.

The designs adopt different "personalities" in the three colour

schemes, which can be loosely categorised as primary, acid yellow and green, and rouge with rich

Each colourway appeals to a different buyer. For example "Still Life", printed in the primary scheme of strong blues and reds on a white background, has a minimalist modern style. In the acid colourway, printed in sharp citrus green and yellow on a lemon background, the feeling is young and vibrant.

The third, more universally ap-pealing choice, offers the pattern in a lipstick pink with saffron yellow

on a rich cream background. The prints are available on heavy cotton, light cotton with a satin finish and a textured cotton weave at £23. £27 and £29 a metre respectively.

The fabrics will be one element of Mr Heindorff's exhibition, "Still Life - Works in Three Ways", at the Entrance Gallery, the Royal College of Art, Kensington Gore, SW7, which opened this week and runs until April 9. The other two "ways" are works in paint and

Mr Heindorff's paintings are "animated, lively landscapes", he says, inspired by a recent trip to Nicaragua. The visit, sponsored by the British Executive Service Overseas, was organised so that Mr Heindorff could advise Nicaraguan art schools on developing their talents and styles. The vivid landscapes that resulted from his trip are painted on "whisper thin" aluminium sheets. The metal is treated to produce a mirror-smooth surface, which enhances the applied colour and gives it an intense

huminosity. Mr Heindorff feels these strong colours convey the rampant nature of the native vegetation.

The charcoal drawings on paper are small, each ripped from a larger work and described by the artist as "the full stops of the exhibition".

Mr Heindorff is also a teacher at the Royal College. "I encourage my students to broaden their use of surfaces and mediums, so I hope that the exhibition will encourage them to try new materials."

Por details of nationwide stockists of "Still Life" materials, contact Designers Guild on 071-351 5775. Still Life — Works in Three Ways by Michael Heindorff March 18-April 9, weekdays 10am-Spm at the RCA. He will also be exhibiting his Nicaragua paintings from April 7-May 2 at The Bernard Jacobson Gallery. 14a Clifford Street, WI (071-495 8575) 495 8575)
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Commission: Michael Heindorff with Tricia Guild and the fabries he created for Designers Guild

To mothers with love

Some unusual ways

to celebrate

Mothering Sunday

for March 29 this year, and go for these alternative gifts. Most are available by phone-mail order, providing you are quick off

In the 18th century girls in domestic service baked simnel cake to take home to their mothers on Mothering Sunday. Betty's By Post bakery in Harrogate, North York-shire (0423 531211), will deliver a simnel cake for £15.95 plus £5.20 peop by Mother's Day, provided orders are received on Monday.

Londoners can order a basket planted up with flowers, moss and greenery from 19.95 at the Chelsea Gardener, 125 Sydney Street, SW3 (071-352 5656).

Whittard's delicate rose petal tea is a soothing brew, especially when sipped from a Mother's Mug: £6.95 plus £3.75 p&p from Whittard, 73 Northcote Road, London SW11 (071-924 1888). Please order by March 25.

Treat your mother to a Mother's Day lunch or cream tea at a National Trust restaurant at an historic house or garden. Prices start from £3.50 for a cream tea at Polesden Lacey in Surrey. For details, send a large SAE to Mother's Day Events, the National Trust, 36 Queen Anne's Gate, London SW1H 9AS (071-222 9251, office hours).
No mother would take offence at

voucher for a course at the Cordon Bleu Cookery School. A three-day patisserie course, for example, costs £180. Contact the Cordon Bleu Cookery School, 114 Marylebone Lane, London WIM 6HH (071-935 3503).

"Morning Glory". Penhaligon's latest treasury of verse and prose, celebrates spring. It costs £7.95 from bookshops but copies signed by its editor, Shella Pickles, Penhaligon's director, can be sent Penhaligon's director, can be sent with an order of flowers from Pulbrook & Gould, 127 Sloane Street, London SW1 (071-730 0030). Please order by March 25. Pamper weary mothers with a Champneys break at the Gleneagles Hotel. Vouchers for a two-night stay including four hours of treatment in the health spa cost £306. Details from Lynne Paterson. reservations manager, Gleneagles Hotel, Auchterarder, Perthshire, Scotland (0764 62231).



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and (0764 62231).

Painted iron 200 candlestick, 554, from Neal Street East, 5 Neal Street, WC2 (071-240 0135).

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 Glass and silver jug by Anthony Stern from a range starting at £45. Karen Atherly handpainted breakfast cup and saucer £24.70. Both from Peepul Tree Trading, 291 King's Road, SW6 (071-736 8586).

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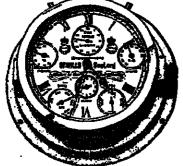
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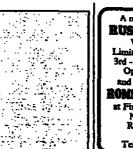
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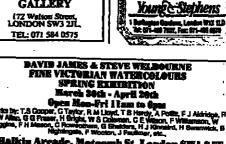
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Dress for Victory to win the nation's sympathy vote

t is hardly my place to offer advice to farmers on public relations, but just as our sow Alice cannot be deflected by mere fencing, neither will I maintain my silence on what I believe may be a solution to at least one of the farming community's many

The other night watching a televised election report in which a candidate was attempting to inspire a meeting of local farmers, I could not drag my eyes away from the farmers themselves. I have never seen such a downcast huddle of dejected men. They slumped on tubular chairs with the posture of half-full sacks of potatoes: heads drooped in resignation, legs sprawled, hands stuffed in pockets.

There was as much spark in them as in a rained-on box of matches. Had the poor candidate announced free beer for all, few of those drooping eyelids would have

I felt desperately sorry for them.

FARMER'S DIARY: PAUL HEINEY

They were once champion heavyweights who fought the land every inch of the way, and won. Now they are punch-drunk, knocked senseless by successive political "whammies" as agricultural policies became as unpredictable as the weather. But they know all that it is why they sit as they do, in defeat. What I have to offer is a cosmetic but bracing strategy with its roots in

farming days long gone.

I had a postcard this week. It came in an envelope bearing a House of Commons seal, and it could well have been the most inspirational thing to emerge from the Palace of Westminster for months. It was a postcard of "Old Shep" of Petworth, taken by the famous photographer George Garland in the 1920s. Now, it so

Garland's work, and so inspired was I by this picture of Old Shep that I unearthed them. It immediately became crystal clear what it was that these heroic farmers had, and modern farmers no longer possess. One of the books summed it up in its title: The Men

with Laughter in their Hearts. To skim through these pictures is to see proud, upstanding men. Take Old Shep. His eyes have a wisdom that pierce the centuries; his screwed lips grasp his pipe of tobacco yet are clearly poised to deliver words of insight to any prepared to listen. Anything he said, you would be bound to

For all I know he may have been a miserable old sod who happened to be a good photographic subject, but the moral for modern farmers

Clive Graham-Ranger looks ahead

to the start of the flyfishing

season on a peerless river



clear. If you want the world to love you, you are going to have to play the hero and look like one, too. Old Shep is dressed in a shepherd's smock, but even I am not going to advocate farmers start sewing squares of white linen together. But we could go back a

nylon ruled the land. Also in my collection is a slim volume called Land at War. It is the official history of British farming from 1939-1945, when farmers really were super-heroes. Standing boldly opposite the title

Perfect match on the Test

page is a chap denching two sheaves of oats in his muscular grasp. He is looking doggedly into the sun. his collarless shirt held by a stud, his corduroy trousers bravely held high by 3in-wide braces. Over the page, the farmer leans on his five-bar gate, pipe in mouth, with a distant, wise look. This time he wears a trilby hat, which shades his eyes. The cut of his waistcoat broadens his muscular shoulders. The caption reads "... with their love of the soil, their eye for animals, their capacity for hard

Wow! Those old copywriters from the Ministry of Information could teach the Saatchi boys a thing or two. And if farmers could be seen that way again, who knows, imageconscious politicians might scramble to be seen lining up alongside them to bask in reflected glory, the way they do with heroic hostages. Children of Courage and TV comedians.

None of this revamping need be

expensive. For my part, I have an old, heavy blue overcoat, woollen and lined with silk and peppered with mouse holes. It drapes around me heroically. The buttons are gone, but a bit of binder twine will serve as a belt. Such a frugal, manly detail is what the public wants to see. Braces seem to be an essential, so does the striped, collarless shirt. The waistcoat is also vital, for it is a perfect match for the widebrimmed hat. Farmers with a more humble opinion of themselves may prefer a flat cap. This will be fine: but remember, the wider the peak the greater the dignity. You don't want to end up looking like Mark Phillips, do you?

Cast aside the denim and the sweatshirt. Take up the woollen and the corduroy. Grip that pipe in your teeth. The war for the sympathies of the nation is a tough one: if the other night's television performance is anything to go by, defeat could come swiftly. Dress for

Feather report

At last a law for seabirds

ith the dying breath of this Parliament a new bill was passed. leaving conservationists in a state of shock. With this as a precedent, the chances of a snowball in hell look really rather good. The Sea Fisheries (Wildlife Conservation) Bill got through against all the known odds.

Indeed, if the RSPB has a runner in the Grand National I shall put the mortgage on it, for it was the RSPB that put up the bill and which lobbied for it with such startling success.

Its contents will be familiar to readers of Feather report: last November this column spoke out in favour of the proposed legislation beneath the headline "Ban these cob-webs of death". The subject was a major anomaly in conservation legislation.

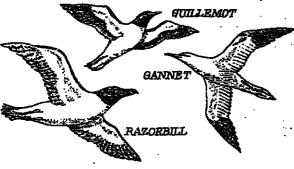
On land, planners, farmers, developers and road-builders have a legal obligation to

over-fishing of their preferred prey, the sand eel.

Last summer, fishing for sand eels was banned. The ban was instigated not to protect wildlife, but to protect the sand eel fisheries. All grist for the terns on this occasion. and now sand eel fishermen must, by law, consider the tern

This new piece of legislation was proposed as a private member's bill and taken on by Phillip Oppenheim, MP for Amber Valley in Derbyshire about as far away from the sea as you can get. At least he had nothing to lose from irate fishermen constituents.

The speed with which the bill was whooshed through was baffling to those familiar with the normally Byzantine procedure. This quite extraordinary success is a tribute to sane and reasonable lobbying. The bill had already been scrutinised by the Ministry of



impact of their schemes. On the sea, there was no legal requirement to protect wildlife. The only requirement was o protect fisheries.

There was certainly no need 10 WORTY about seabirds, who suffered horribly. Those marine masters, guillemots, razor-bills and puffins, are killed in terrifying numbers. Guille-mots regularly fish 200ft below the surface and down there in the murk, they meet death by drowning in vast numbers when they get entan-gled in enormous, billowing. barely visible gill nets.
In Comwall they keep find-

ing dead dolphins on the beaches. As The Times reported this week, many believe the dolphins were caught in gill

Fishermen who lay out such nets off the coast — these cobwebs of death — had previously no legal obligation to worry about the seabirds or the dolphins they kill. All they had to worry about was the health of the fishing stocks. Now this has changed

In the Shedands, there has been increasing concern about the decline of the vast term colonies: in 1990, 30,000 pairs failed to raise a single chick. It is believed that the

Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. The whins in all main parties had been approached. A problem, not to say a legal anomaly, had been clearly identified and without a hint of fanaticism, the fishing industry, the civil sevants and the politicians were persuaded that the bill was right and

As it stands the bill does not save a single bird, of course. It simply provides the machinery by which hirds can be saved Unquestionably a tougher act would have been better news for guillemots. The only problem is that it probably wouldn't have been passed certainly not at such breakneck speed.

The act has inserted the thin end of the wedge. The country now has a legal obligation to look after its terns, guillemots, razorbills and puffins. The next step will be a test case: the theory has been established. now for the practice.

SIMON BARNES

 What's about Birders — much activity among resident birds: treecreepers singing and chasing. Twitchers — Pallas's warbler at Bognor Regis, Sussex. Alpine swift seen over Southend, Essex. Details from Birdline, 0891 700222 Broadlands catch in 1978 for royalty and Bernard Aldrich April the River Test

shimmers like a silver thread through Hampshire's sensuous, undulating downland. Flowing between manicured banks, the river is in pristine condition. It is the start of another flyfishing season for trout. Standing by the Longbridge

hut - a wartime Nissen hut at the river's edge — Bernard Aldrich surveys the scene with a look of contentment. It is a far cry from the Thames at Woolwich, southeast London, where he grew up.

Thirty-six years ago fate in the form of a chance visit to his sister and a meeting with Broadland's head keeper, Walter Geary — drew these disparate images together. Mr Aldrich is now the head river keeper on Lord Romsey's Broadlands estate, and has been the confidant of royalty, the mentor of the great and the

His privileged position, however, has been earned the hard way: wading chest deep in ice-cold water to clear the river bed of silt dunes that have built up through the winter, repairing bridges and banks as a chill north-easterly slices down the valley. The 50 or so fly-only anglers who fish the six miles of the Test that flows through the Broadlands estate are largely ignorant of the hard work that goes into preparing "their" river.

And in these days of winter drought, intensive farming and the need to replenish the river with fish, it is a tough life. far from the idyll of hazy spring days and rising trout. Over the years the river has changed in character. It is less of a classic chalkstream flushed and scoured of silt and

detritus by flooding from the winterbournes, replenished through the year by a constant flow from the underground aquifers in the chalk downs upstream, beyond Stock-bridge. Mr Aldrich says the Test is now more of a settling river, rising and falling according to rainfall.

Intensive farming has meant a wider use of manmade fertilisers, which leach into the watercourse and stimulate the growth of unwanted blanket weed. In time this smothers other river weeds that are necessary not only for oxygenating the water, but also for the healthy growth of the many species of flies the trout feed on.

A keeper's life, Mr Aldrich says, is wholly governed by the seasons. Inevitably that means that when all sensible folk have retreated to their firesides, he's up to his armpits in "Just as the mercury starts to

slide down the thermometer," he says, "I'm in the hatchery grading fish - male and female - for colour and size. Like people, good parentage produces good offspring. The graded brood-stock is then separated from the other trout in the hatchery. In December we strip the eggs from the hens and fertilise them with milt from the cocks." Raising a good head of

trout, however, is not simply about giving nature a hand and then casting food on the waters of the hatchery. There is a constant threat of potentially lethal diseases wiping

out years of careful husbandry. In the late 1960s spawning salmon infected with UDN (ulcerative dermal necrosis) decimated trout stocks from



Time to reflect: Bernard Aldrich casting a fly to a rising trout on the estate's waters

Southampton Water to Leckford, 15 miles upstream. It was five years before the river was free of the plague. Keepers such as Mr Aldrich are all too aware of the Test's vulnerability to pollution, both natural

and man-made. In January Mr Aldrich and his under-keeper John Dennis don chest waders and start work on clearing silt from the river bed. Mechanical dredgers would create havoc among the over-wintering trout and spawning salmon, so it is a laborious, chilling task with

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spade and hoe; 100 yards of river can require a week to create the channels that will be the conveyor belts of food for the lazy trout.

After a lifetime caring for the Test at Broadlands Mr Aldrich knows its every glide and pool, and lovingly describes the contours of the river bed, the way Wainwright brought every knoll and escarpment to life in his Lakeland Guides.

An unattended river will change its course within a few years. February is the time for repairing the damage and confining the restless waters to maintain its height and gentle

We use groynes — 10ft steel

plates — to shore up a crumbling bank. Nowadays we use a motorised pile driver, but in 1956 we had the 'Monk': a huge wooden structure like an old-fashioned oil drilling rig with a winch-operated metal weight on a rope. Once the weight was wound up to the top of the Mule, a lever on the side was then thrown and down came the weight to drive the pile down a foot or so.
"It was hard going and
dangerous," Mr Aldrich says. Two fingers on his right hand were mangled by the Monk. In March the first hatchery

fish - 2lb-plus, three-year-old brown trout — are introduced into the river to give them time to acclimatise before the first fishermen arrive in April. This is also a time for repairing bridges and fences and trimming away the dead bankside

As March gives way to April Mr Aldrich turns his attention to the Longbridge hut. Overgrown with dog roses and honeysuckle the hut is modest, but a legend in fishing folklore. It is here that anglers gather at first light for a cup of strong tea poured from a tencup teapot and to listen to Mr Aldrich's quiet advice about where fish are laying and what flies they are feeding on. It was here, back in the

1960s, that Mr Aldrich poured tea for the Queen Mother, who had brought her grandson, Prince young grandson, Prince Charles, to be taught the art of fly fishing for salmon.

r Aldrich had met the young prince and his sister Anne on several previous occasions, one of which was particularly memorable. "One day Lord Mountbatten brought Prince Charles and Princess Anne down to the river. His lordship asked if there was a salmon he could show the children.

'I knew of one lying under High Bridge, a rickety cattle bridge near Lee Park Lodge. I duly set up a rod for his lordship and mounted a fresh prawn as bait.

Before lowering the bait I explained to his lordship that if the salmon took off downstream, he should let it run. Down went the bait and as it got closer and closer to the fish. the children, who were lying next to me on the bridge, got quite excited.

"A few seconds later the bait passed by the salmon's nose, the fish's jaws opened and the prawn disappeared. I shouted to his lordship to strike, but there was no need because the fish was on and thrashing madly on the surface. I shouted again: 'Let it run', but it was too late. The hook came free.

"There was a disappointed silence for a moment, then Prince Charles turned to Lord Louis and said: 'My daddy wouldn't have lost that fish."

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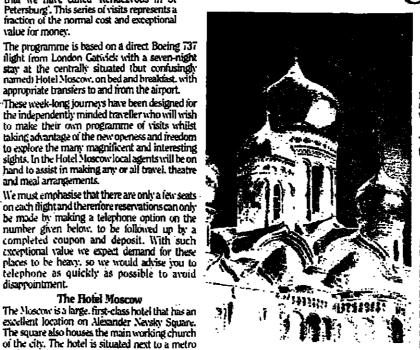
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mann's Requiem for Mignon, and Lieder matinees by Olaf Baer and 235272). Anne-Sofie von Otter. ☐ Schwetzingen Festspiele: The April I 1-20: Kartenbūro der tiny rococo theatre where Mozart Osterfestspiele, Festspielhaus, A-5010 Salzburg (010 43 66 28045).

Berlin guest: Claudio Abbado

☐ Salzburg Easter festival: in a

lower, sweeter key than the sum-mer jamboree, this opens with Die

Frau ohne Schatten, conducted by

Solti, and concerns include Schu-

played as a child is the venue for a summer-long festival, starting on April 24 with a concert of Hinde-Tours: Prospect offers a four-night trip mith and Rossini, and continuing from April 17 at £895. Travel for the Arts has a trip from April 10-15 at £965. Page and Moy offers a five-night trip from April 10, from £725. with chamber music and Lieder recitals and operas, including L'occasione fa il ladro, Desdemo-na und ihre Schwestern and

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Teorema, and Jonathan. Miller's production of Figaro. May 4-June 27: Via Solferino 15,50123 Florence (010 39 55 27791).

Tour: Page and Moy plans a trip. ☐ Vienna Festwochen: Spring in Vienna sees opera by Rossini (Music Theatre London's radical staging of Cinderella), a new Calderon production, an Italian

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voted to Schubert, his Lieder and chamber music, this festival takes place in the palaces, churches and concert halls of Feldkirch, in the the Vorariberg. The focus is on the complete piano sonatas, played by Andras Schill. Also, Brigitte Fassbaender (paintings and recitals). Margaret Price, Peter Schreier and Dietrich Fischer-

June 12-28: Schweitzerstrasse 1, Postfach 100, A-6845 Hohenems (010 43 55 762091).

Tours: Henebery offers a tour from June 17-23, from £410. Marrin Randall makes four trips, from £820, including art-historical lecture tours. excursions, concerts. Prospect offers



Expansive Expo '92: Placido Domingo will perform in Seville

18. from £850. JMB offers flexible times and prices in trips ranging from 1269. Page and Moy offers five or seven-night trips, escorted or unescorted from 1595.

☐ Jyvaskyla festival: Finland's multi-arts event in which art meets science and politics. Focuses on the Baltic states and Russia, and also, with a nod to the Tolkien centenary, explores fantasy in art. June 9-18: Kauppakatu 14A 4. SF-40100 Jyvaskyla (010 35

84 1615624). Divertimenti in Corfu: This. lively chamber music festival is in its second year: The New Fortress, the Palace of St Michael and St George, and the theatre host recitals and masterclasses by the Lindsay Quartet with Alexandre Brussilovsky among others.
June 3-14: Corfu Festival, c/o

Chamber Music Holidays. ☐ Holland festival: This focuses on the music of Luigi Nono. Also, a Russian and Baltic programme featuring new works by Gubaidulina. John Eliot Gardiner continues his Mozart cycle with Cosi. and Stockhausen's Dienstag aus Licht receives its Dutch premiere. June 1-30: Netherlands

Reservations Centre, PO Box 404. NL-2260 AK Leidschendam, Netherlands (010 31 70 3202500).

☐ Roskilde festival: Northern Europe's focus on blues, new wave, rock and folk music, with a programme of Danish theatre, and Mastrosimone's Sunshine.

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☐ Umea festival of chamber music Twinned with Finland's Korsholm festival on the other side of the Gulf of Bothnia, they make up the Nordic Arts Festival of the Year, directed by Dmitri Sitkovetsky. When the music ends in Umea, it will continue in Korsholm until June 28.

June 13-18: Kulturforvaltningen. Programenheten, S-90178 Umea (010 46 90 163466).

☐ Zurich Junifestwochen: With the Columbus anniversary in mind, Zurich focuses on all things Brazilian in a festival whose exhibitions and theatre run from May to August. June sees the main musical events, including Spanish and Brazilian early and contemporary music, afternoon guitar recitals, and programmes from the Zurich Chamber Orchestra. May 29-July 6:

Prasidialabteilung der Stadt Zurich. Junifestwochen. Postfach, 8022 Zurich.

☐ Spoleto festival dei due mondi: Gian-Carlo Menotti's festival in the green heart of Umbria opens with Donizetti's opera Il duca d'Alba, sees visits from the Bolshoi ballet, and offers a stimulating programme of theatre, including Macchia's Mademoiselle Molière

June 24-July l2: Festival dei due mondi, Via Cesare Beccaria 18. 1-00196 Roma (01039 63 210288).

□ Festival international de Colmar: In the Alsace home of Grunewald and Schweitzer, Vladimir Spivakov's festival pays homage to Vladimir Horowitz, with performances by the Moscow Virtuosi, Evgeni Kissin and Barry Douglas, and with five o'clock Russian tearoom concerts featuring Robert Holl, John Lill and, of course, Spivakov.

July 3-14: Festival International de Colmar, Office de Tourisme, 4 rue des Unterlinden, F-68000 Colmar

(010 33 89 410229). ☐ Kuhmo chamber music festival: All-night sauna parties and all-day music-making character-ises Finland's special lakeside chamber music festival in the heart of Finnish Kalevala country. Schubert and the Italian Baroque are the themes this year.

July 12-26: Torikatu 39. SF-88900 Kuhmo (010 35 88

Tour. Page and Moy offers a package. travelling via Helsinki, at 1945 for six nights, including excursions. ☐ Aix-en-Provence opera festival: Summer in Cézanne's Provence means opera in the courtyard of the archbishops palace and recitals in the oleander-scented cathedral cloister. This year Don

Giovanni, a new production of A Midsummer Night's Dream and The Rake's Progress. July 13-31: Bureau du Festival, Place de l'Ancien Archeveche, F-13100 Aix (010

33 42 233781). Tours: Henebery offers a trip from July 17-23 at £460. JMB tailors trips from £370. Page and Moy plans a trip. ☐ Bruges early music festival: One of Europe's most important such events has an exhibition of early keyboard instruments, music by Bach and his contemporaries,

and tributes to Columbus and

Lorenzo il Magnifico, who died in July 25-August 8: Tourist Office, Burg 11, B-8000 Bruges (010 32 50 448686).

U Verona opera festival: Verona's huge and hot Roman amphitheatre this year hosts La Bohème, Don Carlos and Aida. July 1-August 31: Ente Arena. Piazza Bra 28.1-37121 Verona (010 39 45 596517). Tours: Henebery goes from July 21-27. staying at nearby Desenzano, from £753, and has a tour combining with

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Venice, from E965. Martin Randall combines with Bregenz and Innsbruck on one guided tour, Aug 12-21 from 11,220. Prospect offers five different live-night tours from July 15 from live-night tours from July 15 from £795. JMB offers a range of dates and prices for individual trips plus one special escorted tour July 16-19 at £899. Travel for the Arts goes from July 15-19 at £799, including excursions, and also combines in fly-drive with Pesaro at £850. Page and Moy offers five, six or seven-night tours from £529.

☐ Savonlinna opera festival: In the courtyard of Olav's medieval castle, the country's premier opera festival offers a new production of Porgy and Bess this year from Opera Ebony USA, and familiar, epic stagings of Aida, Fidelio and

The Magic Flute. July 1-31: Olavinkatu 35, Savonlinna, SF-57130 (010 358 57 5 14700).

Tours: Page and Moy offers a seven-night trip via Helsinki, with excursions in both centres at £1,345.

☐ Macerata opera festival: Set in



Seville date: Kiri Te Kanawa

the foothills of the Apennines, this open-air opera festival is gaining in recognition. This year offers La traviata, La sonnambula, Figaro and full programme of symphony

July 15-Aug 12: Arena Sferisferio, Piazza della liberta, Macerata (010 39 73 3230735).

Tours: JMB offers trips from £279.
Page and Moy has a five-night trip departing July 23 at £770, including excursions. Lirica Travel takes in Macerata in a tour which also visits Rome, Lake Garda and Verona

☐ Festival Wiener Klassik: A new festival, exploiting Vienna's 18th and 19th-century palaces for programmes of chamber music by Haydn, Mozart and Rossini, as well as music from the Second Viennese School. This year's theme is Haydn in 1792.

July 17-Sept 19: Festival Wiener Klassik, Preindlgasse 1, A-1 130 Vienna (010 43 15 861676).

Styriante: The Styrian Arts Festival, one of Austria's most challenging, takes night as its theme. with nocturnes in castles, a performance of The Fairy Queen with Harnoncourt, and a Walpurgisnacht orchestral concert. Iune 27-July 20: Palais

Attems. Sackstrasse 17, A-8010 Graz (010 43 31 6812941). ☐ Munich opera festival: In the exquisite Cuvillies Theatre. Intermezzo and a new production of Der Prinz von Homburg. Also Carmen, Fidelio, Don Giovanni, Figaro. and recitals with Edita Gruberova, Margaret Price, Felicity Lott and Ann Murray. July 6-30: Münchner

Opernfestspiele, Postfach 100148, D-8000 München (010 49 89 221316). Tours: Prospect offers four nights from Jul 9, to and 28, from ES25, JMB has a variety of dates and prices. Page and Moy offers four trips from E590.

☐ Viitasaari time of music: Finland's festival of the avant-garde includes courses in computer music and dance: this year's visiting composers are York Höller and Alvin Lucier.

July 8-15: Time of Music, SF-44500 Viitassari (010 35 84

☐ Bregenz festival: Opera on the floating stage of the Bodensee, backed by the green hills of the Vorariberg. This year Carmen returns, live bull, flamenco and all. and a new production of Berlioz's Damnation de Faust will open in the Festspielhaus.

July 21-Aug 23: Bregenzer Festspiele, Postfach 311, A-6901 Bregenz (010 43 55 744920). Tours: Henebery goes from Aug 5-11 from £535. Martin Randall combines with Innsbruck and Verona and one guided rour, Aug 12-21 from £1,220. Prospect goes from Aug 1 for five nights, from £720, inc. excursions. JMB has trips. Page and Moy offers five and seven-night trips from £695. ☐ Bayreuth festival: No new Ring this year. Harry Kupfer's has its last showing, with Tannhauser conducted by Donald Runnicles Dutchman by Sinopoli and Parsi-July 25-Aug 28: Kartenburo.

Postfach 100262, D-8580 Bayreuth (010 49 92 120221): Tours: Henebery offers a trip from Aug 15-21 from £595.

□ Vadstena Academy sur opera festival: Operas, concerts and music courses in the historic setting of Vadstena's convent and castle, overlooking the waters of Lake Vattern. Two operas inspired by The Tempest in the Old Theatre, Prospero's Dream to music by Purcell, and in the castle, The Island of Spirits by I.F. Reichardt, a contemporary of Mozart

July 7-Aug 16: Vadstena-Akademien, Kungholmsgatan 56, S-11230 Stockholm (010 🗀 46 86 526180).

☐ Lockenhaus chamber music Gidon Kremer's festival in castle and church focuses on Schubert and Shostakovich, with the Cherubini, Brodsky, Hagen and Orlando Quartets and baritone Robert

July 3-12: Kammermusikfest Lockenhaus, A-7442 Lockenhaus (010 43 26 162072).

☐ Montepulciano festival: The Cantiere, founded by Hans Werner Henze, presents his comedyballet Le Disperazioni di Pulcinella, Paisiello's Il re Teodoro in Venezia, concerts of Turnage, Mozart, Nono and Brahms in the San Francesco, and of Purcell and Britten in the Tempio di San Biagio. July 16-Aug 2: Cantiere

Internazionale d'arte, Comune di Montepulciano, Via del Teatro 4, 53045 Montepulciano (010 39 57 8757089). ☐ Schleswig-Holstein festival:

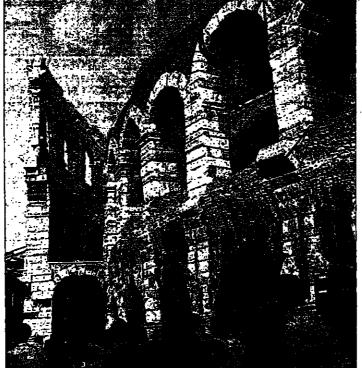
From Flensburg to Lübeck, throughout the sea-ringed top of Germany, Justus Frantz's festival offers a non-stop summer of music, focusing on the Baltic republics and Scandinavia, with visits from Maria Joao Pires, Hakan Hardenberger, Jessye Norman, the Baltic Jazz Trio and the Riga Chamber Orchestra. June 28-Aug 23: Schleswig-Holstein Festival, Holzdamm 40, D-2000 Hamburg 1 (010 49 40 2482 (150).

☐ Batignano musica nel chiostro: Adam Pollock's festival of opera rarities, performed in a convent cloister, offers the Peri/Oliver Euridice and a new production of Handel's Orlando. July 24-Aug 9: Santa Croce,

L-5804 | Batignano, Comune di Grosseto (010 39 56 438096). Gstaad Menuhin festival: This important Alpine festival sees visits from the Sinfonia Varsovia, a Schnittke evening, a concert performance of La traviata and concerts by the London Symphony

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☐ Tampere international theatre festival: Finland's only festival of professional theatre in a town

culture. Productions from Scandinavia and Europe, west and east. Aug 11-16: Tullikammanaukio 2, SF-33100

Tampere (010 35 83 1228536). ☐ Lucerne international music festival: The theme is Europe and the centenary of the births of Honegger, Milhaud and Tailleferre in particular. Visits from the Dresden Staatskapelle, Scottish Chamber Orchestra, and others. Aug 15-Sept 9: Hirschmattstrasse 13, Postfach,

CH-6002 Lucerne (010 41 41

 \square Helsinki festival: Under the banner of Mare Balticum, the Finnish capital hosts festival visits from the Lithuanian Chamber Orchestra, Mirella Freni, Nikolai Ghiaurov and Natalia Gutman. There is also a programme of open-air rock concerts, opera, dance, drama.

Aug 18-Sept 6: Unioninkatu 28. SF-00100 Helsinki (010 35 80 659688)

Tour: Page and Moy offers a sever night trip, with excursions, at £1,089. ☐ Salzburg festival: A new stag-ing, by Peter Stein, of Shakespeare's Julius Caesar, new productions of La clemenza di Tito. Die Frau ohne Schatten and Salome, and Messiaen's Saint François d'Assise.

July 26-Aug 30: Festival Office, Postfach 140, A-5010 Salzburg (010 43 66 28045). Tours: Henebery has a trip from Aug 22-29 from £550. JMB offers trips throughout the season, plus one special escorted tour from Aug 19-23 at £995. Page and Moy offers five varied packages from £875-£1.195.

☐ Pesaro Rossini festival: The Adriatic beach resort comes into its own this year with Rossini's bicentenary. The operas include Semiramide, Viaggio à Reims and Le Cantate per i Borboni. Aug 1-15: Via Rossini 37, I-61100 Pesaro (010 39 72

1697360). Tour: JMB makes arrangements throughout the month from £297-£559. ☐ Turku music festival: Compos er-pianist Olli Mustonen directs a broad-based festival which includes visits from Heinrich Schiff and Les Arts Florissants, and performances of Paavo Berglund's Sibelius series. Aug 7-16: Festival Foundation, Uudenmaankatu I,

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☐ Utrecht early music festival: An intensive feast of early music, from mid-morning until midnight, in concerts, lectures, workshops, all in the churches, museums and historic houses. Special focus on music of the Iberian peninsula and on Guillaume de Machaut.

Aug 28-Sept 6: Organisatie Oude Muziek, Postbus 734, 3500AS Utrecht (010 31 30

340921) ☐ Berlin festival: This opens with the Staatskapelle Berlin and Heinrich Schiff, and closes with the Berlin Philharmonic and Bernard Haitink. In between are concerts with Claudio Abbado, Daniel Barenboim, Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau and Simon Rattle. Chamber music from the Cherubimi Quartet, András Schiff, and recitals of Berio and Boulez. Aug 30-Sept 27: Berliner Festspiele GmbH, Budapester

Str 50, 1000-Berlin 30 (010 49 30 254890).



Classic: Vienna's Musikverein

☐ Burgenland Haydn festival: Eisenstadt, Haydn's stately Austrian residence hosts a festival of chamber music and song, starting with an evening with Agnes Baltsa and including Masonic music and

a Creation for children. September | 1-20: Festivalburo, Schloss Esternazy, A-7000 Eisenstadt (010 43 26

826 | 8660). Tours: Martin Randall has a guided Bratislava from Sept 15-21. Page and Moy offers a five-night trip, with excursions, at £840. Tickets and accommodation may also be booked through Habsburg Heritage Cultural Tours.

☐ Linz Brucknerfest: The festival on the Danube includes the symphonies of the Austrian master, hut also emphasises the music of Berio, with all the works quoted in his Sinfonia in a series of performances forming a "Path of

Sound" September 12-October 4: Brucknerhaus, Untere Donaulande 7, A-4020 Linz (010 43 73 2275230).

☐ Wexford festival opera: The Republic of Ireland's "Weiss Fjord" comes to life with the eccentric, the recherche, and gallons of Guinness. This year's line-up of rarities is: The Comedy of Errors by Stephen Storace (con-temporary of Mozart), Heinrich Marschner's Der Vampyr, and Il piccolo Marat by Mascagni. October 22-November 8: Theatre Royal, High Street. Wexford (010 35 35 322240). Tours: JMB offers a variety of dates, and an escorted tour at £549. Page and Moy plans a trip. Brompton offers a weekend trip from Oct 29 from £440.

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 Cedok Tours and Holidays,
 17/18 Old Bond Street, London WIX 4RB (071-629 6058). • Chamber Music Holidays, 57 Chatsworth Road, Bourne-mouth, Dorset (0202 528328). Habsburg Heritage Cultural
 Tours, 158 Rosendale Road, London SE21 SLG (081-76)

 Henchery, Kareol, Islip, Oxford (08675 6341). • JMB Travel Consultants, "Rushwick", Worcester WR2 5SN (0905 425628).

● Page and Moy, 136-140 London Road, Leicester LE2 IEN (0533 524463). Prospect Music and Art Tours, 454-458 Chiswick High Road, London W4 5TT

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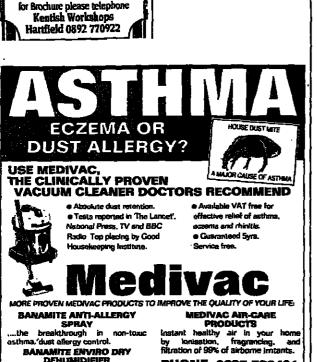
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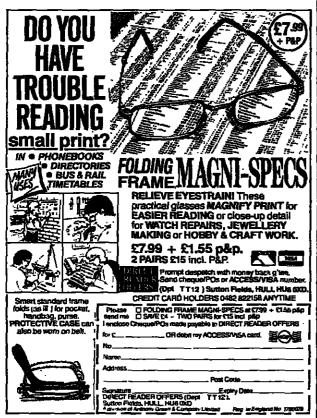
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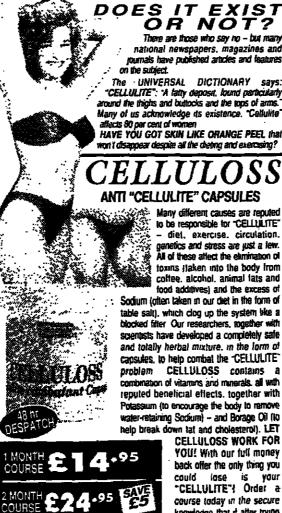
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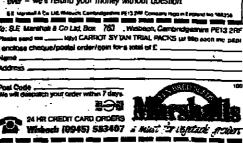
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pring is here, whether we mark it by the official reckoning (the vernal equi-nox was yesterday — a day early owing to the leap year) or by the plant indicators: daffodils, forsythia and Anemone blanda.

Walking down our hill to the allotments to give a friend some gooseberry bushes, I was struck by the individuality of the gardens. In about half a mile, there was hardly a garden without a personal note. In that short distance I found a prettily trained winter jasmine, gracefully arching over a front wall, the yellow of its starry flowers echoed in a bright, butter-coloured clump of primulas in the flowerbed beneath; a chalet-style house with a rockery of irises, crocuses and shapely clipped shrubs and conifers; a cottage garden patchwork with early shrubs and flowers just starting into colour.

Surely the prize for inventiveness must go to the owner of a nice 19thcentury house with an intractable,

2m frontage of crazy paving. She has removed pieces of the paving to make a symmetrical but irregular pattern, and planted herbaceous plants and small shrubs of distinction, such as the subtly variegated Pittosporum "Garnet"; cushion-forming, hardy gerani-ums, Alchemilla mollis; and a small conifer with bulbs at its base. Where do our ideas come from?

How do plants and particular garden styles come into currency and how do you tap into this rich vein of expertise if you are a beginner? The Royal Horticultural Society has been regarded as a somewhat élitist body, but it has recently made a decision to speak to new gardeners as well as seasoned practitioners. Its monthly members' magazine now has a broaderbased range of horticultural topics.

In addition to the world-re-

nowned Chelsea show, the RHS runs monthly shows at its Westmin-ster halls in Vincent Square, London, which provide a link between domestic gardeners and nursery firm experts through a seasonal review of plants.

The practical results of RHS horticultural expertise are on show at its main garden at Wisley in Surrey, plus those at Rosemoor in



Bright and beautiful: Christiana Brown surrounded by lilies and daffodils from Spalding, Lincolnshire, at an RHA Westminster show

Devon, Pershore in Worcestershire, and its most recent acquisition, Hyde Hall near Cheimsford in Essex. The northern counterpart to the RHS is the Northern Horriculthe KHS is the Normern Hornicul-tural Society, which undertakes evaluation of plants and garden practice specially suited to the northern parts of Britain, carrying out trials at the large, splendid gardens at Harlow Carr near Harmonte As at Wislay them is a Harrogate. As at Wisley, there is a programme of practical talks and

demonstrations for members. The National Trust, long a source of influence by virtue of the many fine gardens in its care, offers a range of talks and demonstrations, plus guided walks, often taken by head gardeners.

The high level of gardening knowledge and expertise in Britain is both expressed in and promoted by such institutions, and reinforced

by vigorous local societies and clubs (addresses can be found in public libraries). There is no lack of inspiration; if garden visiting has not yet become a passion, scrounge

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a few ideas by simply peering over garden walls.

● Royal Horticultural Society, 80 Vincent Square, SW1P 2PE.

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WEEKEND TIPS

 Plant pot-grown strawberries now and you may get a crop this

 Acclimatise bulbs grown in pots to outdoor conditions and plant outdoors.

 Watch for initial greenfly invasions on house and conservatory plants.

• Sow brussels sprouts in pots (for planting out in May).

Sow tomatoes for growing in an unheated greenhouse before the end of this month.

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Novelist

Where would you go? For a "pulling-myself-together" weekend. I would choose one of those parts of the English countryside that can only be enjoyed without their summer visitors, perhaps Lynmouth, dramaticaly situated on the north coast of Devon with Exmoor behind it How would you get there? It's about two and a half hours' drive from where I live. Where would you stay?

There's a small hotel there overlooking the tiny harbour to the site of the cottage in which Shelley and his wife, Harriet, spent the summer of 1812. He was 20, she was 17 and they threw subversive messages in bottles into the Bristol Channel and launched balloons containing his Declaration of Rights. Their every move was reported to the Home Secretary, Lord

Sidmouth, by his spies.

Who would be your perfect Roland, my small mongrel dog. What essential piece of clothing

or kit would you take? Comfortable walking boots. What, if any, medicines would

accompany you? Nurofen, in case of aches after so much walking. What would you have to eat?

As little as possible. What would you have to drink? A glass of champagne each

What would you take to read? With Shelley in mind, I would take Demanding the Impossible, by Peter Marshall It's about anarchism; a splendid doctrine made impracticable by seeming-ly ineradicable flaws in human nature. Reading about it is stimulating and funny and sad. What more can you ask of a

What music would you listen to? I might pretend I'd been walking on the Malvern Hills rather than Exmoor and listen to a lot of quite loud Elgar. What would you watch on

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What three things would you most like to do? Walk, watch birds, think aimlessly.

Who would you send a postcard My husband, Michael, who never thinks it matters if you know you are going to see the person to whom you're sending

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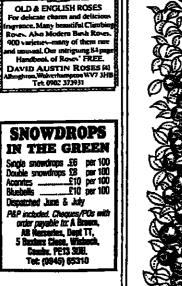
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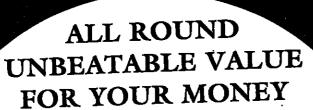
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Schools are top of the form

oing back to school is taking on an end-ofterm feel now that buying a redundant school house is no longer a question of spending time and energy gutting and renovating the property.

Thanks to the pioneering spirits who snapped up old school houses in the 1970s and 1980s and converted them into unusual homes, a new wave of home owners can move into properties that require, at most, a lick of paint. Yet such houses offer much in the way of historic interest, solid construction, high ceilings and above-

average living space.
Stripping out lockers and excavating playgrounds was far from Mark Cresswell's mind when he was house-hunting for a period cottage with character, until he found his school house on the

Surrey-Hampshire border.
"To find a house with as much character you would generally have to consider an older building. which would command a higher price," he says. "I knew there would be work to do on the property, but I certainly wasn't looking for a place to renovate totally."

The school house retains many original features, including the old school bell in the roof tower and a working well in the back garden, which now also sports a swimming

The hallway - once the dining hall - has a vaulted, beamed ceiling and a restored brick floor. The living-room has taken over the main classroom with its open fireplace and exposed brick hearth, and three bedrooms have been

built into the eaves The conversion has been well thought out by a previous owner," Mr Cresswell says. "As well as being a practical and comfortable house the construction is very solid. Even the surveyors were impressed

by its robustness Mr Cresswell is reluctantly sell-ing The Old School House after living there for a year. The property

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Robert Whitelock also recently

bought a converted school house in a village near Newmarket, West Suffolk, for £78,000. It had already been divided into two homes; the other part was bought by his daughter, Sandra, bringing the total cost to £125,000.

While Sandra and her husband Mike, are preparing to gut and renovate their two storey property. Mr Whitelock and his wife, Daphne, are only too pleased that their one-storey side of the school house has already been converted.

"We love the fact that there is so much space on the ground floor," Mr Whitelock says. Little has been done to the façade and the original character of the school remains, including the wood-panelled ceiling and the huge, open fireplace. However, the archway into what was once the school yard is now part of our living-room.

Two bedrooms and a bathroom

had already been added to the side on the ground floor when we bought it and the living room — the original school room — has a halffloor mezzanine, which we use as a

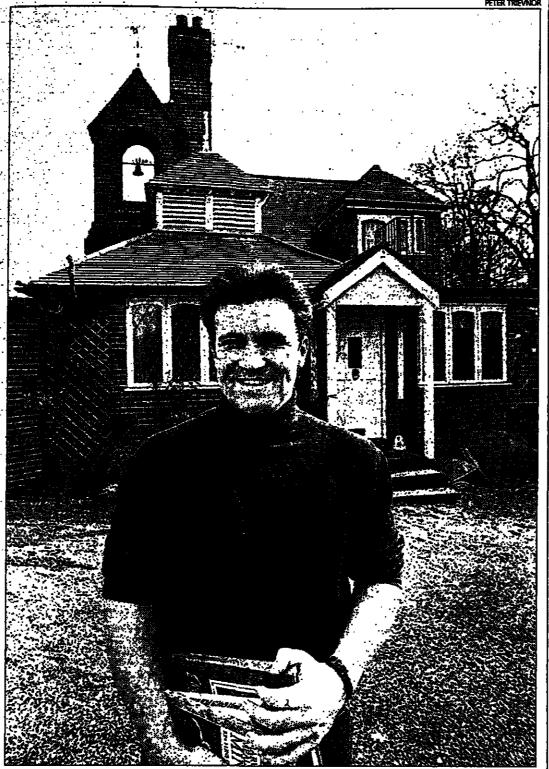
ffers of around £200,000 are being invited at John D. Wood's. Oxford branch for The Old School House in the village of Aldsworth, near Oxford. This mid-Victorian nursery school was carefully renovated by farmers Philip and Kit Merson, when they bought

it four years ago.
The four-bedroom Cotswold stone house retains the original façade, stained pine floors, the school bell and wrought iron school railings. The 34ft x 19ft living space, once the main classroom.

"We didn't want to alter the ppearance from the outside," Mr

has also been preserved.

We added a floor and put four bedrooms, a bathroom and en-



By the book: Mark Cresswell bought his old school house for its high ceilings and large rooms

stairs there is a huge living-room and open-plan dining-room with

the original fireplace."

Another converted school house currently on the market is The Old School House at Shernborne, near the Sandringham estate, Norfolk.

Offers are invited in the region of £215,000 by the Newmarket office of Jackson-Stops & Staff. The three-bedroom house with

conservatory, vaulted and beamed ceilings and school bell was converted eight years ago by the present owners; locals who are past

Converted school houses make fine homes. The only characteriess thing about them seems to be their name: all the properties mentioned here are called The Old School

Romance of a city hideaway

dedged between looming blocks of flats and offices to the rear and the gloomy sweep of a high-rise hotel to the front is a little gothic studio, wrapped in the privacy of its neighbour's garden and protected from prying eyes by a brick wall and a Judas Gate giving on to Lillie Road in west London. Legend has it that the studio was once the trysting place for Edward VII and Lillie Langtry and architectural history suggests that it was the studio of Joseph Bickley, plasterer to the royal household. Now it is for

From the road you would hardly know it existed: the "gate" is an old timber door above which runs a room of the house next door. It is unremarkable, set back in a corner, among nondescript houses.

The eastern end of Lillie Road was planned by Sir John Lillie in 1826, and originally included the North End Brewery as well as the terrace of houses in which the entrance to the studio is set. Look carefully above the gate and there is an oriel window, and on the façade a coat of arms, said to be the work of Bickley.

Double entrance doors each set

with two narrow arched leaded windows lead directly into the main room of the house, the studio itself. To the left is a long galley kitchen. A brick fireplace is set asymmetri-cally and at variance with the architectural Victoriana at the end of the studio room. Almost 30 feet square, the studio benefits both from the light of the splendid gothic windows to the front and rom a handsome rooflight run-



In the right-hand corner of the studio is a sunken area, a few steps down, in the floor of which is the entrance to a cellar with six feet of and judiciously juggling the stairs, a further room could be created of double height, albeit windowless. Above, a set of stairs with turned balusters lead to a minstrel's gallery currently used as an open-plan bedroom.

Further stairs lead up to a bathroom, a sauna room and access to a roof terrace, 30ft long and almost 20ft wide, well screened and overlooking the garden.

What the building offers for £300,000 is charm with versatility. Ideal as a studio with living accommodation it could easily become living accommodation with a studio. The entire ground floor, with the hidden attractions of its sunken area and cellar, would make a novel office. One might pinch a bit off the roof terrace and combine it with the sauna room to build a bedroom

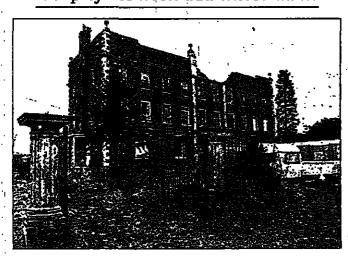
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Gothic appeal: charming façade of a versatile £300,000 studio

Heap of the week: Hankelow Hall



Caravanserai: owner Kirk Shenton is still waiting for finance

Wreck wrapped up in red tape

Tou can usually tell the site of a country house by the tall trees around and behind it. Not so Hankelow Hall, in Cheshire, which stands amid open fields and is approached along a twin-tracked concrete Here is a wondérfully quirky

example of English provincial baroque, the style so ruthlessly exterminated by Lord Burlington and his fellow Palladians from the 1720s onwards. All the effort at Hankelow

went into creating a grand main front. The house is tall and narrow and capped by an eccentrically high parapet. Over the centre are the remains of a strange, blind arch. Its derelict state has not

prevented Hankelow's owner, Kirk Shenton, from making his home there, in a neat array of caravans and huts on the gravel in front of the entrance.

Mr Shenton runs a small building company and is seeking restoration finance from Crewe and Nantwich district council. He has drawn up plans for a mews and clock tower behind the house, but the application has been delayed because of a disagreement about the amount of development needed to generate the necessary funds.

Unusually for a country house, the entrance porch is flanked by iron railings. Enter the front door and a surprise awaits: a huge pit like a tank trap opens before you, but on the other side, if you could reach it, are the remains of an elabo-

rate Victorian tiled floor. The ceilings have gone, but, surprisingly, many of the thick-glazed, early 18th-century window sashes survive - a tribute to English hardwood, even when it is left unpainted. The remains of a series of garden walls survive behind the house and could be rebuilt to create a new walled garden.

Intriguingly, the village of Hankelow has a series of handsome houses which you pass on the way to the hall, each like a small manor and well looked

Hankelow Hall's history is obscure. William Baker, an architect and surveyor who lived at nearby Audlem, made alterations, including a dining-room, for a Mr Wettenhall in 1755-57. It was presumably then or slightly later that the Ionic porch was added and the

ground-floor windows changed. Ironically, Hankelow had taken on a new lease of life as flats when the council served a closing order on the property. One cannot help thinking that a few improvement grants then might have been a more economic

Mr Shenton was full of plans for new woodland and a conservation park, but is now in despair. His hopes rest on English Heritage, whose officers recently visited the property. "My wife and I are on sleeping pills. I've been restoring old properties for 20 years, but now our plans are completely stuck,"

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Final curtain call for the jet-set maestro green, and the new, stained ash floor is decorated with a strong



Conductor Jan Latham-Koenig

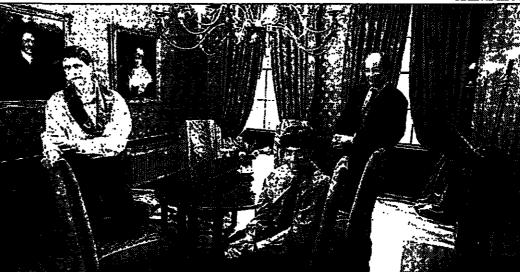
talks about his

Hampstead home

¬ he flamboyant, Londonborn conductor Jan Latham-Koenig, who is in London this week for a concert at the Festival Hall, bought his fivestorey Georgian house in the middle of Hampstead, northwest London, last year. Tall and narrow, it stands in a street of listed buildings and eminent performers.

Mr Latham-Koenig, aged 38, is the permanent guest conductor with the Vienna State Opera. He is rarely in London, but he knew exactly what he wanted for the house, which he bought on the advice of his cousin Edouard Koenig, who is an architect.

Mr Koenig, who specialises in restoring and refurbishing listed buildings, says: "Sometimes you



Tuned in trio: Jan Latham-Koenig, centre, with designer Melanie Paine and cousin Edouard Koenig

just feel good in a house and that was exactly the sense here."

Together they have transformed the five-bedroom family house into an elegant home for a single man. creating a drawing-room, dining-room, an intimate study, music room, a bleached white breakfast room, and one floor given over to a large bedroom, mirrored bathroom To design the interior, Mr

Latham-Koenig hired Melanie Paine, whose forte is fabrics, colour and specialist window treatments. "What he wanted was something elegant and theatrical without being at all wild or vulgar," Ms Paine says.

"I really didn't like the yellow in the hall," he says of the brilliant Mexican yellow used above the

"But Melanie and Edouard per-

suaded me it was important to make the entrance as light and cheerful as possible. I have come to agree with them."

The front door opens on to the hall, at the end of which is the most theatrical room in the house, the drama-filled dining-room, dominated and adorned by a burnished, 12-branch chandelier, and draped in deep red silk. The colour scheme

is rich ruby red and dark sage

homes and prices are rising. How-

ever there is plenty of property around for under £50,000.

The typical Bearnaise house is stone built under a steeply pitched

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His music room on the first floor

was a bathroom, but now has had the comicing, dado rails, fireplace and skirting restored and the floor reinforced to take his baby grand piano. Here he rehearses with soloists before heading for the concert hall.

tawny red and grey diamond pattern to give a three-dimensional Here Mr Latham-Koenig entertains business associates and soloists, visiting musicians and friends. The oval table, from 1740, seats eight comfortably. Around it are eight vibrantly patterned chairs designed by Ms Paine using a

green and gold tapestry border

fabric and red velvet upholstery.

A lucky and quirky feature of the house is that the space for a dumb

waiter between the basement and

ground floor still exists. Mr Koenig has installed the contemporary equivalent — an electric lift, much used by Mr Latham-Koenig's party

Ms Paine has covered the walls in brown wrapping paper above the dado rail. "It has a simplicity and a subtle texture," she says. "It is also practical and neutral." Below she has used a rich red and ivory print, picking up the red and ivory in the thick curtains at the double casement windows.

In many cases the inspiration for the rooms and the design has come from the paintings and drawings Mr Latham-Koenig collects. He sold all his furniture when he bought this house so he could start anew, but the pictures are his passion.

The modernist, green marble bathroom has two telephones but is the only room in the house without its own micro hi-fi system. These tiny devices provide music separately in each room of the house, from a huge stack of CDs. In the romantic, blue and white bedroom, the system can be operated by remote control from the bed - a cherrywood four-poster draped in soft white linen.

Inevitably much of Mr Latham-Koenig's travelling life is spent in hotel rooms or airport lounges. When he is at home in London he wants comfort and luxury. That helps explain why his favourite aspect of the finished house is the opulence of the curtains, which overflow on to the floor.

"What I love is the lavishness of the length," Mr Latham-Koenig says. "If you can see the end of curtains, it always looks as if someone's come along in a spirit of meanness and cut them off."

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Pyrenean playground on the cheap

he Pyrenees, wet and fertile in the west, rocky and snowy in the middle and dry and sunny in the east, are beautiful, varied and far less developed than the Alps. Property prices are also a int lower.

Not far from Tarbes in the Hautes Pyrénées, on the edge of the tiny village of Buggard, this de-lightful family house (right) is for sale at £29,500. In half an acre of gardens with fruit trees, it enjoys views of the Pic du Midi; the ski slopes of La Mongie are 45 minutes' drive away.

The old stone house, although still in need of a coat of paint, has been restored and is ready to move into. It has a large kitchen and a living-room with open fireplace on the ground floor; three bedrooms, bathroom and lavatory upstairs, plus a small room suitable for conversion to a second bathroom. There is also a garage, convertible loft, separate two-roomed cottage, barns and outbuildings suitable for

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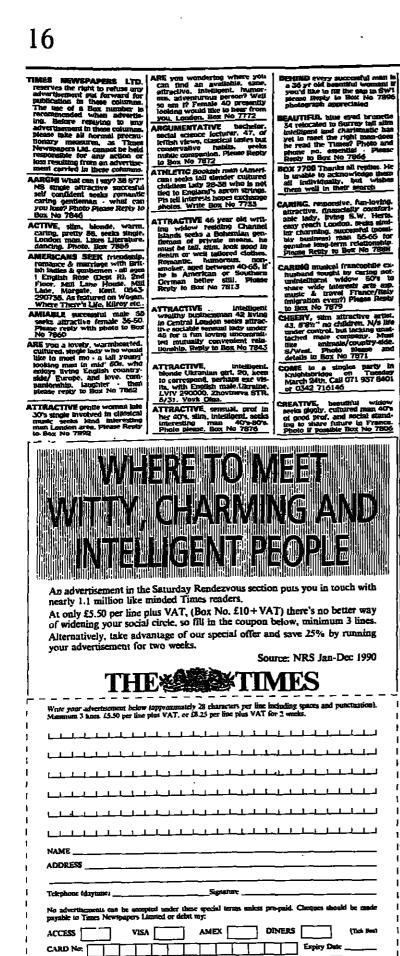
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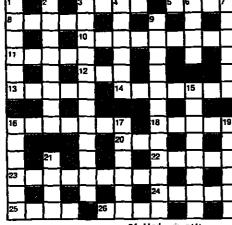
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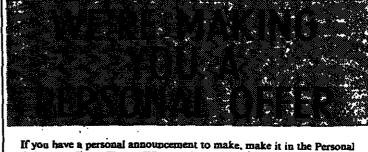
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BBC 1

6.45 Open University: Biology Form and Function 7.10 Maths: Classifying Cubics 7.35 Geology: Clays 8.00 A New Role for Men 8.25 Stressed Materials: Made without Flaw (71709984) 8.50 Playdays at the Playground Stop (r) (8771629)

9.10 News and weather (7904822)
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9.15 Looking For God. Graham Young joins Rosemary Nicholls at the Wesley Methodist church in Cambridge (s) (9677687)
10.00 See Heart Magazine programme for the hearing impaired (24754)
10.30 Deutsch Direkt! German for beginners (r) (9099984) 10.55
Advice Shop Extra! Helen Madden presents the last programme in the series (771551) n the series (3715261)

11.00 Business Matters. American Richard Pascale gives advice to British managers on creating and containing conflict (r) (2416)

11.30 Work is a Four Letter Word. Denny Baker helps with communication skills (s) (1025)

12.00 Bazear. This week's edition of the magazine series looks at

Chinese cooking, stimming and gives house cleaning tips (r). (5011280) 12.25 Experiment! Anamorphic drawings (3567629) 12.30 Country File. John Craven explores rural issues (6820667) 12.55 Weather (60852735) 1.00 News (77671071) 1.05 On the Record. includes Jonathan Dimblabut eliting to labe Social should the labour part (concerning)

Dimbleby talking to John Smith about the Labour party's economic policies (6455280)

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2.00 EastEnders. Ornibus edition. (Ceefax) (s) (r) (25483)

3.00 Film: The Thirty-Nine Steps (1978). The third film version of John Buchan's novel about an Innocent man pursued by villains who believe he has details of their plot to start the first world war. Starring Robert Powell, Eric Porter, Sir John Mills and Karen Dotrice. Directed by Don Sharp (68543464)

4.40 Columbo: Requiem for a Falling Star. Our dishevelled hero becomes embroiled in another tale of murder and intrigue, this week concerning the death of the secretary of a has-been Hollywood actress. With Peter Falk, Anne Baxter and Mel Ferrer (r).(Ceefax) (1371777)

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5.50 The Clothes Show. Jeff Banks visits the Playtex underwea

company in Paris; and the week before the weddings of the Brides of the Year, there is a preview of what is to come (s) (880533);. 6.15 Liteline. Dame Vera Lynn appeals on behalf of the Young Persons

Concert Foundation (283648)
6.25 News and weather (386174)
6.40 Village Praise. With Pam Rhodes from Grassington in the Yorkshire Dales (Ceefax) (s) (544087).



Expectant parents: Lesley Dunlop and Anton Rodgers (7.15pm)

7.15 May to December. Age-gap romantic cornedy series starring. Anton Rodgers and Lesley Dunlop. Zoe and Alec fall to agree on the best way to bring up their expected baby. (Ceefax) (s) (203025)
7.45 Lovejoy: Members Only. The local golf club is bitterly disappointed to discover a rare silver cup they ware hoping to sell is a fake. Starring lan McShane. (Ceefax) (s) (654464)
8.35 So Haunt Me. Spirited cornedy series starring Miriam Karlin and Tarsa Resta longs. There are celebrations in the Rokehy.

Tessa Peake-Jones, There are celebrations in the Rokeby household for what would have been Yetta's 79th birthday. Ceefax) (s) (412803)

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9.05 Screaming. Carla Lane's new comady series about three-women's affairs with the same man. Staming Gwen Taylor, Penelope Wilton and Jiff Baker. (Ceefax) (s) (481700)

9.40 News with Marryn Lewis. (Ceefax). Weather (953261)

10.05 Mastermind with Magnus Magnusson from the church of the Historic Dockyard, Chatham. The specialist subjects are the life and films of Fellini, the River Themes from source to Tower Bridge, Sir Patrick Geddes and George II (s) (583551)

10.35 Heart of the Matter. Joan Bakewell speaks to couples who have been struck by catastrophe (976990)

11.10 The Vote Race presented by Olivia O'Leary (213613)

11.50 The Shadow. Two teachers from Britain and France shadow each

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other's work and compare the differences (r). (Ceefax) (951795) 12.20am Mahabharat (r) (7480120) 1.00 Weather (7138472)

BBC 2

6.35 Open University (57016822) 12.00 Regional Parliament Progra

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12.30 Film: Jassy (1947) starting Margaret Lockwood as a steamy gypsy servent with psychic powers who is suspected of killing her husband. Directed by Bernard Knowles (80215006)

nusoand, presented by sentent notices (contractor)

2.10 Made By Hand. Film about stained glass (56410648)

2.25 Peliéas and Mélisande. A story of love, jealousy and tragedy unfolds as John Eliot Gardiner conducts the orchestra and chorus unfolds as John Eliot Gardiner conducts the orchestra and chorus of the Opera de Lyon in a production of Debussy's opera recorded in 1987 on the stage of the Opera de Lyon. Starring Coletta Alliot-Lugaz and François Le Roux (s) (69807445)

5.00 Rugby Special. Chris Rea introduces highlights of yesterday's Wales v Scotland and the France v Ireland matches (s) (2396)

6.00 The Real McCoy. Highlights from the first series, featuring Curtis and Ishmael, Llewella Gideon and Collette Johnson (148867)

6.35 The Money Programme. BBC economics editor Peter Jay challances: the Conservative according team of Norman Lamont.

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chairings are conservative economic team or norman Lamont and Peter Liley to say why they are the party to lead Britain out of recession (285822)

7.15 The Natural World: Bird Nuts — the Magnificent Obsession. Martin Wainwright reports on people's strange obsession with bards, including the 400 enthuslasts on the isles of Scilly, patiently awaiting a climate of a small brown bird blown off course and on awaiting a glimpse of a small brown bird blown off course and an American who has built a condominium for migrant swallows.

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Rembrandt: The Public Eye.

CHOICE: A new season of programmes celebrating the art of Rembrandt van Rijn begins with this two-stage documentary on the painter's life. Next week's programme, The Private Gaze, sounds even more interesting, but it would be a shame if viewers were to suppose that the public/private division has made for a duff first half. On the contrary, scholar and author Simon Scholar are offers a fascinating analysis of a shawed career man who menered. offers a fascinating analysis of a shrewd career men who managed to please his clients white exploring his own ideas in a sometimes eccentric way. Most absorbing in the film are Schama's seductive readings of painting such as The Anatomy Lesson of Dr Tulp, which seems to convey both man's divinity and his mortality, and The Night Watch, where the mischievous eye of the artist in the background complicates the work's message (611290)

8.55 Maxican Grand Prix presented by Murray Welker and James
Hunt. Includes live coverage of the final laps (s) (709648)



Promoted to Lord Chancellor: Anthony Andrews (9.55pm)

en Two: The Law Lord. CHOICE: If anyone ever esks you to become Lord Chancellor, your reply should be a firm "no thank you", for, as Anthony Andrews discovers in John Cooper's chilling play, taking it up can only lead to trouble. Andrews is perfect as Chris Edwardes, a wellbred young carrister flattered to be headhunted by the oily home secretary, Allport — brilliantly played by Bernard Hill. It is 1996 and Allport plans to manipulate the new Lord Chancellor into accepting his radical proposals to shape the legal establishment in his own image. Edwardes rebels but begins to wonder whether, as the home secretary indicates, his "medieval powers" are "mere tradition, for the tourist, no more". The piece is so shister as to be comic at times, with relishable performances from Tom Baker and T.P. McKenna among others (2892280)

1.1. Morvernia among oriers (205/201)

11.25 Film: OC and Stiggs (1967) starring Daniel H. Jenkins and Neill Barry as two irreverent teeragers creating havoc in middle-class suburbia. Directed by Robert Altman (839006)

1.10am Rapido featuring Annie Lennox (r) (2301491). Ends at 1.45

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6.00 TV-am (3296483) 9.25 Dianey's Fluppy Dogs. Special animated film about a young boy

and his adventures with creatures from another universe (1302551) 10.20 The Littlest Hobo. Canine adventure series (8033071) 10.45 Link. Ben Elton discusses his use of disabled characters in his novel Gridiock (Oracle) (6312342)

11.00 Meditations presented by Frank Wright (46464)
12.00 Visions. The religious magazine programme visits Bradford for Ramadan and celebrates one of the glories of Christian art, the Westminster Pavement, Introduced by Nick Stuart (45174)

12.30 LWT News Weekend (6815735) 12.55 LWT weather (60847803)
1.00 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather (71773342)
1.10 Walden. In the first of his interviews with the three national party leaders, Brian Walden questions prime minister John Major (s)

2.00 Sharp's Funday includes Batman and Wrestling from America (7780984)

2.50 Dinosaurs. Prehistoric comedy series (s) (4943667)

3.20 The Match. Elton Welsby introduces live coverage of the geme between Arsenal and Leeds United from Highbury. With commentary by Alan Parry and comment from Gary Lineker (s)

(85328483) ,5.30 The American Match. A new series of action highlights from the new World League of American Football (754)

6.00 Harmah Haunwell — Innocent Abroad. In the penultimate programme which has been following the introdict former Dales farmer on her travels she comes face to face with the Pope (667)

6.30 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather (513071) 6.35 LWT News

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6.40 Highway. Sir Harry Secombe visits Alderney, Sark and Herm.
(Oracle) (562483) 7.15 Forever Green. John Alderton and Pauline Collins star in this

gentle environmental drama about a family who turn away from city strife and embrace the rural way of life. Freddy sets out to discover if the pollution in a local river is due to natural causes or man-made.



Bafta honours its own: hosted by Michael Aspel (8.15pm)

8.15 The British Academy Awards. The Princess Royal attends this star-studded occasion during which the best performances and productions in cinema and television during 1991 are rewarded. Hosted by Michael Aspel (s) (23333700) 11.00 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather (895261) 11.15 The Day

(648404)

11.20 Film: Table For Five (1983) starring Jon Voight and Kevin Costner. A tear-jerking drama about a divorced father who takes his children on a cruise to get to know them better. Later, his ex-wife is killed in an accident and he becomes embroiled in a custody battle with the children's kindly step-father. Directed by Robert Lieberman (38506193)

1.35am A Yank at Oxford. Warren Beatty is asked for his opinions on a wide range of subjects, but mostly sex and Madonna, by students at Oxford University (7483052) 2.65 Extreme East. Youth culture and music series presented by

Laszlo Kistamas (6069965) 2.35 Cue the Music. The kicke Works in concert (s) (9725014)

3.35 The TTV Chart Show (s) (r) (4917965)
4.35 Pick of the Week. Regional highlights introduced by Jenny Powelf (r) (40471656)

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5.30 ITN Morning News (19656). Ends at 6.00

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6.00 Trans World Sport (r) (87396) 7.00 Eureeka's Castle. Early morning fun for the under-tives (49551) 7.30 Starstreet (3472006) 7.55 Chicken Minute (s) (3480025) 8.25 Pugwall (7117025) 8.55 Little Rosey featuring the voice of Roseanne Arnold (s) (3656603) 9.25 The Sword of Tipu Sultan. Epic Indian drama (5044551) 10.00 Dispatches. Current affairs series (r) (51342) 11.00 D'Art (r) (3006) 11.30 Filipper (4735) 12.00 Little House on the Prairie stamng Michael Landon (72716) 1.00 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea starring Richard Baseharl as the commander of a remarkable submarine (81464)

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2.00 Film: School for Scoundrels (b/w, 1960). Vintage British comedy starring lan Carmichael as a born loser who is transformed into a natural winner by Alastair Sim, principal of the College of Lifemanship. Directed by Robert Hamer (278358)

3.40 Nn Drv Burn Mitthia about the County Dates in German with

Lifemanship. Directed by Robert Hamer (278358)

3.40 No Dry Run. Witty short by director Trevor Peters. In German with English subtitles (r) (4284193)

4.00 Big World Animators: Three Knights by Britain's Mark Baker. Third in the series of work from international animators (6285445)

4.25 Citizen 2000 The final episode in the occasional documentary series following the lives of 20 children over a period of 18 years (fielder) (22085200)

(Telelex!) (6288532) 4.55 News and weather (8365006) 5.00 Burning Books. With reviews of John Harvey's Cutting Edge, David Spannier's Inside Las Vegas, the memoirs of Willie Hamilton, MP, and a new book of photographs of Eastern Europe,

Disonentations (5629)
5.30 Star Chamber. Bryan Gould facas the computer (396)
6.00 Press Gang. Children's drama (r) (Teletext) (209)
6.30 The Wonder Years. Nostalgic look at life in the 1960s through the eyes of an American teenager (s) (261)
7.00 Chambel 4 News. For the three Sundays before the election there is an additional programme with reports from around the country.

7.00 Channel 4 News. For the three Sundays before the election there is an additional programme with reports from around the country. This week's broadcast is from Edinburgh (6209)
8.00 Disabling World: Out Of Sight.
CHOICE: Steve Humphries, whose BBC series The Secret World of Sex exposed the hypocrisy of prudish-past generations, produced and directed this disturbing four parter about the treatment of disabled people from 1900 to 1950. This first programme, made up of wall-to-wall recollections from three bitter victim's of society's incorrects and featurescent the better. programme, made up of wall-to-wall recollections from three bitter victim's of society's ignorance and fear, verges on the heart-breaking. Marie Hagger remembers: "I think my mother preferred to think I was stupid rather than deaf", and the partially sighted Emest Williams decribes his poignant attempts to fit in with his classmates: "I played tag all right, though I often tagged the wrong person..." But it is Devid Swift, with a muscular disability, who has the saddest tales to tell; his father actually forced him into a boxing ring in an attempt to "make a man" of him (1613)

8.30 Childhood. The fourth programme in a seven-part series tracing child development (s) (21735)

9.30 Disabling World: Face of our Fear. Film-maker Steve Dwoskin, who contracted polio as a child, traces the history and

who contracted polio as a child, traces the history and development of the stigma attached to those with disabilities in the minds of able-bodied people (Teletext) (62445)



Under nuclear attack: RAF captain Peter Sellers (10.30pm)

10.30 Film: Dr Strangelove (1963, b/w) CHOICE: I have an early memory of my grandmother weeping through this film. Certainly Stanley Kubrick's classic about an impending nuclear strike is disorientating and terrifying as well as extremely funny. Subtitled "Or, How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb", it treads a fine line between satire and hysteria, with Peter Sellers expertly taking on three roles — the ineffectual US president, a well-meaning British officer — straight from any number of second world war B-movies — and the alarming German scientist of the title. The Cold War may be over, but characters such as Sterling Hayden's fanatic general determined to nuke the enemy, and Sim Pickens's gung ho

American bomber, unfortunately still ring true (48861158)

12.25em Film: Georgette Meunier (1989). Black comedy about a woman who is a docile chemist by day and a murderer by night. In German with English subtitles. Directed by Cyrille Rey-Coquais and Tania Stocklin (7876385). Ends at 1.55

Fectory (6617716) 11.30 The World Tomor-row (2003) 12.00 Film: Yogi Bear and the Mago: Flight of the Spruce Goose. Curtoon (51822) 2.00pm All American Wresting (49087) 3.00 Eight is Enough (31919) 4.00 The Love Bost (43754) 5.00 Hey Dari (5281) 5.30 Hort to Hart (42484) 6.30 The Simpsons (3919) 7.00 21 Jump Street (53629) 8.00 A Fatal Vicion. First of a two-part new soises (66153) 10.00 Faton Crest (72700) 11.00 Entrainment Torught (89193) 12.00 Pages from Skyted

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8.00 Friendship in Vienna (1989): Drama about two girls in Nazi-occupied Austria

(67529)
3.25 Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Sex . . But Ware Afraid to Ask (1972): Woody Alen's multi-episodic comedy (582410). Ends at 5.00

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Vis the Astra satelfile.
 4.00pm Film: Billion Doller Hobo (1978) (8984) 6.00 Car 54, Where Are You? (8445) 6.30 The Morteese (2025) 7.00 Fine Spirit (5367) 7.30 in Living Color (8208) 8.00 The Comedy Company (51209) 9.00 The Sundary Company (31219) 9.00 The Sundary Company (31445) 10.00 Moonlighting (34532)

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(1193); (8.55) Hundbell (4639990) 5.16

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10.15 Music Weekly, with Peter

11.00 From the Proms 1991: BBC

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Bonham Carter with a memoli

of her father, Ascurth Your Concert Choice: Jan

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Frieder Bernius); Dvorák (Romance, Op 11: New York

Philharmonic under Zubin

Mehta, with Midori, violin); Edmund Pascha (What does that sign mean?: luventus

Kroek); Zdenek Fibich (Symphony No 2 in E flat: Brno State Philharmonic Orchestra

Peedagogica Musica Bohemica under Jaroslav

Reading (r)

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Symphony Orchestra under Alexander Lazarev performs

Rimsky-Korsakov (Sheherazade); Paul Guinery reads from Clifton Helinvell's Music in the Air; Prokofiev

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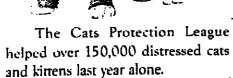
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1.30am The Gate II (1989): A teenager unleasties Hell's dark forces (86156)

3.00 The Kindred (1987): Students discover a genetic mutant (87439)

4.30 Our Three (1974): Romantic drams set in a girls' boarding achool. Staming Parnels. See Martin (34410). Ends at 8.00

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(198209)
2.15 Le Giofre De Mon Pére (1991): The
author Mersel Pagnol reminisces about his
chilchood (178445)
4.15 Miss Firecracker (1989): Holly Hunter
returns to her home town to find true love
and to win the local Miss Firecracker contest
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6.15 B.L. Stryker: Die Laughing (1989): Burt Reynolds is eastigned to protect a comedian (487975)
8.15 High Desert Kill (1990): Allens crashland in New Mexico. Starring Chuck Connora end Marc Singer (12852551)
10.05 The Handmaint's Tale (1990): In a luture society, Natusha Richardson rebells ageinst her tot as a child-bearer in Robert Durval's home. With Feye Durwal's Robert Durval's home. With Feye Durwal's Activities of the Connoration of the Protect (1990): Journalist Amy Irving investigates the munder of two Puerto Riccan nationalists. With Andy Garcia and Lou Diamond Philips (941045)
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RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until 2.00pm.
4.25am World Cup Cricket. Second semi-linel
in Sydney 8.00 Sunday Edition 8.45 World Cup
Cricket 12.30pm Lesim to Earn 1.10 Up and Away 1.40 Open Forum 2.00 And Now Read On
2.30 They Think It's All Over (ri 3.00 Football Extra: Bercleys League — Arsenat v Leeds at
highbury 5.00 Sports Bulletin 5.15 Bob Hatton Rattle 8.05 My Read- Sean Maguire, Taggs of
Grange Hill, visits Clacion 8.30 Lames and the Garnt Peach, by Roald Dahl (3 of 97.70 Sports
Bulletin 7.10 Open University The Remaking of Europe. 7.30 New Cuntestly Shop, 7.50 Jews
and Christians in Renessance Venice 8.10 Class in Britan Today, 8.30 Women's Studies No
Sacred Bord. 8.50 One to One and Composite Functions: 9.10 18th-Cambrily-Political Prints,
9.30 The Transformation of Household Activities 9.50 Grand Pro. Report Merican Grand Prix
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WORLD SERVICE

At times in GMT, 4.30am, World Business Review 4.40 Travel and Weather 4.45 News and Press, Review 4.40 Travel and Weather 4.45 News and Press Review in German 5.00 German Features 5.24 News in German 5.30 Europe This Weekend 5.59 Weather 6.00 News 8.09 News about Britain 6.15 Letter from America 6.30 Londres Matin 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 From Our Own Correspondent 7.50 Write On... 8.00 News 8.09 Words of Farth 8.15 Music with Matthew 9.00 News 9.05 World Business Review 9.15 Short Story, Shadows of a Summer Evening 9.30 Foth in Britain 9.45 Sports Rounday 10.01 Scarnes in Action 10.30 in Presse of God 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Londres Mich 11.45 Mitragemagazin 11.59 Weather 12.01pm Play of the Week Heart of April 1.00 Newsdour 2.01 it is Your World with Eastern European Leaders 3.00 News 3.15 Concart Half 4.00 News 4.09 News about Britain 4.15 BEC English 4.30 News in German 4.40 German Features 4.59 Travel News 5.00 News and Business Review 5.15 Clab 648 5.30 Londres Sor 6.14 BBC English 6.30 News in German 6.40 German Features 7.54 News in German 8.00 News and Business Review 8.15 Londres Dernière 6.30 Europe Tonight 9.00 Newshour 10.00 News 10.15 Merdian 10.45 Sports Roundurp 11 00 News 11.05 World Business Review 11.15 Music with Natifiew Midnight Newsdesk 2.30 Composer of the Month Fachard Strauss 3.00 News 3.09 Words of Fath 3.15 Sports Roundurp 3.30 Anything Goes 4.00 News 4.15 Lent Observed

CENTRAL

RADIO 3

4.00 Post of the Month: Peter Porter reads poems that oppose perceived truths, including Browning's "The Lost Leader" and "The Person Version" by Robert Graves 8.55am Weather 7.00 Morning Concert: Brahms (Intermezzo in Brahmor, Op 119 No 1): Schubert (Mass No 2 in G, D 167) 7.30 News 7.35 Morning Concert (cont) J.C. Bach (Symphony in ermonic under

J.C. Bach (Symphony in B flat, Op 3 No 4); Bach (English Suite No 4 in F, BWV 809); Brahms (Serenade No 2 in A, Op 16) 8.30 News 8.35 A Land with Music: Douglas Bostock performs Martină (Symphony No 2); Gernot (Dences and Reflections) 5.00 Soundings: Michael Oliver 5.00 Soundings: Michael Oliver and quests discuss Stravinsky's Rife of Spring 6.00 Via Crucie: Cambridge University Choir under Timothy Brown, with Stephe February Company (St. 1997). Francesco Geminiani (The inchanted Forrest: London Handel Orchestra under Denys Darlow)
9.15 Maurizio Pollini: The third of seven programmes celebrating the planist's fiftieth birthday. Chopin (Six Etudes from Op 10); Luigi Nono (. . . softerts onde serene . .); Schumann

Timothy Brown, with Stephe Farr, organ, sings Franz, Lazz's setting of the 14 stations of the Cross, With reflections by Dr Sheila Cassidy
7.00 Bridge (Phantasm: BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra under Richard Hickox, with Kathryn Stort, piano)
7.30 Critics' Choice: No Man's Land (Plano Concerto in A minor: Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra under Claudio Abbado)

CHOICE: Pinter being Pinter, and No Man's Land being Pinter at its most etusive, possibly only one statement made during the statement made during the play can be accepted as literally true. It comes from Spooser, the seady poet manque invited home for drinks by Hirst, the literary man preserved in alcohol. "I am I", says Spooner. So, one physical leature is identifiable in this no man's land in which reality and illusion are reality and illusion are signoosts that point in the same, and different, directions. Dirk Bogarde and Michael Hordern recreate

original stage roles Beethoven and Scho Brodsky Strang Quartet
performs Beethoven (Quartet
in Efat, Oo 74, Harp);
Schoenberg (Quartet No 2, Op
10), incl 9,55 Interval Reading
10.35 Concert at Summerscope: **BBC Philips** under Odeline de la Martinez.

Gielgud's and Richardson's

under Jini Waldhans)

2.30 Mozart at the Wigmore Hall:
Takacs Quartet; Wind Soloists
of the Chamber Orchestra of
Europe perform Mozart (String
Quartet in A. K. 484; Serenade
in B. fist for 13 word under Odaline de la Marimez.
with Piers Lane, plano,
performs Amadeo Roldan
(Cuban Overture); Roberto
Sierra (Glosas); Villa-Lobos
(The Discovery of Brazil, Suite
No 1); Chavez (Cabellos de
vapor, Suite) (r)

12.00 News 12.05am Close in B flat for 13 wind instruments), incl 3.05 interval

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7.15 On Your Farm: Rog Wood explains why farming 700 acres in Scotland provides only helf his fivelihood 7.40 Sunday 7.55 Weather 8.00 News 8.10 Sunday Papera 8.50 Chris Bortington speaks on behalf of the Week's Good Cause about Lapra, an organisation which aims to eradicate leprosy worldwide 9.00 News

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9.00 News
9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter from America by
Alistair Cooke (r)
9.30 Morning Service from the
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Worcestershire 10.15 The Archers: Omnibus edition 11.15 News Stand 11.30 Pick of the Week (s) (r) 12.15pm Desert Island Disca: Sue Lewley's castaway is Lady Soames (s) 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World This Weekend:

Nick Clarke telks to Paddy Ashdown, leader of the Liberal Democrats 1.55 Shipping 2.00 Gardeners' Question Time: Clay Jones chairs a postbag edition 2.30 Globe Theatre: What Happened with St George. The second of five plays on the second of the plays commissioned jointly by Radio 4 and the BBC World Service. Written in response to the Gulf war, David Cregan's play begins in Stockholm cathedral. As a woman lourist (Kate Harper) looks at a platter

(Kate Harper) looks at a statue of St George slaying the dragon, a man (lan Holm) tells her the true story behind the myth (s) 3.30 The Radio Programme, with

Laure Taylor (r)
4.00 News; Analysis: No Science
Please, We're Politicians (r)
4.47 Missions Improbable
CHOICE: Jesper Maskelyne descendant of a long line of descendant or a long are of theatre magicians, put his powers of deception to good use during the second world war while serving with the army's camouflage unit. As Martin Wainwright tells the story in the latest of his diverting talks about people whose enthusiasm bordered on the obsessional, Maskely created a mock breed of exploring sheep that compare exploding sheep that grazed in fields in which German gliders might land. His pièce de résistance was his contribution to a fake Alexandria harbour, erected outside Cairo. The decoy was so realistic that the Luttwatfe

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5.00 News; Down Your Way:
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war veteran, visits the
Yorkshire regional burns unit
at Pinderfields hospital in 5.40 The Week on Four 5.50

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Shipping Forecast 5.55
Weather
6.00 News
6.30 Europhile (s) (r)
7.00 In Business: Bumping Along
the Bottom. Peter Day meets
business men and women
whose comments have follool whose companies have falled during the recession (r)
7.30 Bookshelf: Ted Hughes talks about his book, Shakespeare and the Control of Companies.

and the Goddess of Complete Being (r) 8.40 Reading Aloud: If Pigs Could Fly. by Rory Maclean, Read by David Horovitch 9.00 The Network Machan. 9.00 The Natural History
Programme: David Hindley
recreates the song of the
Huse, an extinct New Zealand

9.30 Special Assignment (r) 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight (s) 10.30 Straw and Steel: Memories of Suffolk life in peace and war

(s) (r) 11.15 Working Among the Tyrents (r) 11.30 Seeds of Faith: Pondering These Things - Creator of Heaven and Earth. The third in a series of seven devotional talks for Lent and Easter in

which women reflect on themes from the Apostles Creed (s)
12.00-12.43am News, incl 12.20
Weather 12.33 Shipping
Forecast 12.43 World Service

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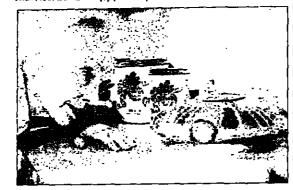
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7.30 Crystal Tipps and Alisteir. Cartoon (r) (1481266) 7.35 Wiz Bang. Early morning fun (s): (70,48711) 7.45 Bravestarr, Space-age animation (r) (9416109) 8.05 Eggs 'n' Baker Cheryl Baker demonstrates how to milk a cow with the help of a rubber glove filled with hot milk; and the Liverpool band Pele tuck into yoghur pancakes (7134792) 8.35 Thundercats. Feline adventures (r)

9.00 Going Live! Sarah Greene and Phillip Schofield are joined by Coronation Street's Dawn Acton, Simon Gregson and Nicholas

Coronation Street's Dawn Acton, Simon Gregson and Nicholas Cochrane. Lisa Stansfield trades places with a checkout girl in aid of the breast cancer charity Breakthrough; and Curtis Stigers performs his latest song (s) (87971773) 12.12 Weather (3595402) 12.15 Grandstand introduced to Steve Rider. The line-up is (subject to alteration): 12.20, 12.40 and 1.15 Rugby Union and Football. Previews of this afternoon's matches; 12.25, 1.00 and 1.35 Racing from Newbury; 12.55 News 1.50 Rugby Union: live coverage of the Wales v Scotland match from Cardiff followed by highlights of the France v Ireland game (Northern Ireland: France v highlights of the France v Ireland game (Northern Ireland: France v freland live); 4.15 Athletics: the world cross-country championships from Boston; 4.40 Final Score (16909044)

5.05 News and weather (9373268) 5.20 Regional News (6439957). Wales: (to 5.50) Wales on Saturday 5.25 Stay Tooned! Tony Robinson introduces a selection of cartoon 5.25 Stay Tooned: Torn Hourison Introduced States and Spools of the golden age of Hollywood (2484112)
5.50 Big Break. Snooker and general knowledge game show. Jim Davidson and John Virgo are joined by Mike Hallett, Tony Drago and Dennis Taylor. (Ceefax) (s) (642599)

6.20 Noel's House Party. Dave Lee Travis receives his Gotcha Oscar. With Noel Edmonds (s) (438315)



Close encounter: Hume Cronyn and flying saucer (7.10pm) 7.10 Film: Batteries Not Included (1987). Husband and wife Hume

7.10 Film: Batteries Not included (1987). Husband and wite Hume Cronyn and Jessica Tandy star in Steven Spielberg's tantasy about two aliens who help save the tenants of a building from eviction. Directed by Matthew Robbins. (Ceefax) (s) (39768537)
8.55 News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Sport and weather (99150)
9.25 Moon and Son: The Place of Cold Fires. The penultimate episode of the astrological thriller series starring Millicent Martin and John Michie. A Foreign Legionnaire enlists the assistance of the Moons to help him discover the relatives of a dead colleague. (Caefax) (s) (120693) (Ceefax) (s) (120695)
10.20 That's Life! The nine finalists of the search-for-a-star audition join

together for a medley of Beatles songs before viewers are invited to take part in a telephone vote. Presented by Esther Rantzen. (Ceetax) (s) (789105) 11.00 Midnight Caller: Home to Roost. An old friend of Killian's in

accused of murder by a young Vietnamese who claims he killed his family during the Vietnam war. (Ceelax) (s) (515711)

11.45 Film: Nothing But The Night (1972) starring Peter Cushing, Christopher Lee and Diana Dors. A tale of murder and intrigue in an

orphanage on a remote Scottish island Directed by Peter Sasdy (162808)

1.05am Weather (5527261)

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BBC 2

6.40 Open University: Minimum Cost Flows 7.05 Maths: Classifying Cubics 7.30 Cheddar: Mapping the Mendip Anticline 7.55 Living Choices: New Dimensions 8.45 Light Fantastic 9.10 A New Role for Men 9.35 Life and Death in Rio 10.00 Reconstruction of the Bankside Theatres 10.25 Biology: Brain and Behaviour 10.50 Art in 5th-Century Italy: Florence 11.15 Changing Britain: The Multinational 11.40 Silver: Source of Power for the State 12.05 Data Models: Miles of Alsies 12.30 Education: Face to Face 12.55 Venice and Antwarp — the Cities Compared 1.20 Anti Racist Maths 1.45 Psychology: Child's Play 2.10 Strategy on the Screen 2.35 Going to School in Japan (83063)
3.00 Mehabherst. Epic Indian drama. In Hindi with English subtitles

3.40 Film: My Little Chickadee (b/w, 1939) starring W. C. Fields and Mae West. An unscrupulous woman and a cardsharp outwit a villain Directed by Edward Cline (6620605) 5.00 Athletics. David Coleman and Brenden Foster introduce live

coverage of the men's race in the World Cross-Country Championship in Boston. With highlights of the women's race (2385537)6.25 Late Again. A look back at highlights of The Late Show (s)

7.10 News with Moira Stewart. Sport and weather (692315)

7.25 Fine Cut.

CHOICE: A 1985 film from the American Robert Gardner was made at Benares on the banks of the river Ganges and evokes the tuneral rites of the local Hindu community. Despite its featurelength running time, Forest of Biss is presented without commentary, it uses only images and natural sounds and does not even offer subtitles. It therefore makes considerable demands on the viewer, especially one not acquainted with indian religious culture. Gardner argues that the conventional narrated documentary "closes off" its theme and leaves the audience no space in which to make its own response. The opposite danger is leaving the spectator baffled. Despite often striking visuals, and a powerful sense of atmosphere, Forest of Bliss may finally be seen as shapeless, indulgent and uninformative (5570957)



Dancing the night away in Harlen: Gregory Hines (8.55pm)

 CHOICE: Had it not been eclipsed by Heaven's Gate, The Cotton Club might have gone down as one of the most proffigate of Hollywood movies. As it was the budget roughly doubled during shooting and the film reportedly went through 38 rewrites. The director was Francis Ford Coppola. No stranger to profligacy on his own projects, Coppola here found himself trying to reacue the extravagances of others. The film parallels the story of 1920s gangsters Richard Gere and Nicolas Cage with that of two black brothers aspiring to be denoing stars at the Cotton Club in Harfern. If the narothic is often shapeless and incoherent there are If the narrative is often shapeless and incoherent, there are compensations in the immaculate sense of period, the musical numbers, the vibrant dancing of Gregory and Maurice Hines and our own Bob Hoskins as a Harlem hood. (26558570)

11,00 Guitar Legends. Bruce Homsby, Les Paul, Roger McGuinn, Robbie Robertson, Richard Thompson and Roger Waters take to the stage in the fourth of five concerts from the Seville Expo 92 Festival (s) (303131), Ends at 12.35em

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8.00 TV-em (3229711)
9.25 Motormouth presented by Neil Buchanan, Andy Crane, Steve Johnson and Gaby Roslin. Includes an investigation into dying dolphins; a report from the science park at La Villatte in Paris; and news of Kitefly 92 (28853063)

11.30 Zorro. Don Diego must decide whether to tell his dying father the truth about Zorro (9334) 12.00 The Chart Show. The Video Vault features Elton John's "Candle

in the Wind" (s) (83605) 1.00 News with Carol Barnes. Weather (77702995) 1.05 LWT News

and weather (77701266) 1,10 Saint and Greavaie. Includes a profile of former England football star Mike Channon (5051860)

2.00 Tournament of Champions. In the first of three events from Colorado featuring former Olympic and World Cup skiing champions (8380547) 2.55 Golf. Coverage of last month's Open Mediterrania tournament in Valencia, Spain (8549624)
 3.35 Film: Deadly Nightshade (b/w, 1953) starring Emrys Jones. A

rict on the run tries to persuade his double to swep identities

convict on the run tries to persuade his double to swep identities with him. Directed by John Gilling (807/26/4)
4.45 Results Service with Elton Welsby (55374/21)
5.00 News with Carol Barnes (6444/889) 5.05 LWT News (3487353)
5.15 Ten Sharpl Includes Pat Sharp talking to actresses Mary Stuart Masterson and Mary-Louise Parker from the film Fried Green Translates (a) (248/25/27)

Tornations (s) (3483537)
5.25 Baywatch. The head of the Los Angeles County lifeguards, David Hasselhoff, grapples with another bevy of beauties (4224150)

6.20 Family Fortunes presented by Les Dennis (s) (401605)
6.50 Murder, She Wrote: Hamilgan's Wake starring Angela Lansbury and Van Johnson. Jessica tries to unravel yet another mystery, this time involving the elegedly unjust conviction of a man for murder. (Oracle) (867063) (Crace) (307/03)
7.45 Stars in their Eyes (751860). Five more would be stars vie for the last place in the final, With Leslie Crowther. (Cracle)
8.15 The Brian Conley Show with special goest magician Geoffrey Durham. This week's "Dangerous Bit" involves four members of the CAS (a) (2014/20).

the SAS (s) (591137) News with Carol Barnes. Weather (149228) 9.00 LWT weather (166421)



American PoWs: Annabeth Gish and Gena Rowlands (9.05pm)

CHOICE: It is 1942, Singapore talls to the Japanese and a cast of international actresses is swept up and put behind barbed wire. Gena Rowlands and Annabeth Gish lead for the United States, Citios Webb plays an Aussia called Dink! Denk and the Brits are represented by Judy Parlitt, Cherie Lunghi and that nice Phyllis does not be a posted at attack kinked. Logan from Lovejoy. Their fate is to be shouted at, struck, kicked, starved and generally humiliated by stereotypically thuggish Japs. We have been here before. *Guests of the Emperor* is almost a remake of the BBC series Tenko, except that while the Beeb had to make do with Dorset as a location this production was filmed in New Orleans. There is another difference. Tanko managed a degree of characterisation. Guests of the Emperor is strictly one-

dimensional. It concludes next week. (693529) 10.05 Aspel and Company. Michael Aspel talks to actor Warren Beetly

preparations of English National Opera's new production of Verdi's Don Carlos at London's Coliseum Theatre (328112)

11.30 Tour of Duty. Orama about a group of soldiers during the Vietnam war (36082) 12.35am WCW Pro Wreatting (6083938)
1.30 New Music. The latest news from the pop music scene (5417767)
2.35 Bhangra Beat featuring XLNC and Nitin Sawnhey (6528398)
3.00 American College Football. Action from the Flesta Bowl (20532)
4.00 Coach. Comedy from America (73803)

4.30 The Hit Man and Her. Pete Waterman and Michaela Strachan with

10.55 Metro presented by lan Dury. There is a behind-the-scenes look at

the latest sounds on the club scene (s) (77938) 5.30 ITN Morning News (99629). Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

people (91624) 10.90 Our Olympics. Highlights of the 1990 Special Olympics from

Giasgow (r) (17247)

10.30 Film: Great Gurs (b/w,1941). Vintage Laurel and Hardy comedy in which they reduce an army training camp in Texas to chaos. Directed by Monty Banks (9238266)

11.50 Gustav Looks for a Job. Animation from Hungary (5434686) 12.00 Get Smart. Spy spoof starring Don Adems (50889)
12.30 The Beverty Hillibilies (b/w). Vintage comedy series about a

neive oil-rich family from the deep south of America (62112) 1.00 Film: Phiffft (b/w, 1954) starring Judy Holliday and Jack Lemmon.

A young couple decide to divorce, only to find that the single life is wonderful as they had hoped. Directed by Mark Robson 941110631

2.35 Sense of Responsibility. A tongue-in-cheek cartoon made to

promote pit safety (7889711)

2.45 Channel 4 Racking from Doncaster introduced by Brough Scott.
Live coverage of the Tatley Bitter Doncaster Mile (3.00); the
William Hill Lincoln Handicap (3.40); the Cammoge Trophy
(4.15); and the Insurex Expo — Sure Group Handicap Open (4.45)

5.05 Brookside, Omnibus edition. (Teletext) (s) (r) (2379975)
6.30 Right To Reply. Claire Rayner replies to criticism of her starring in a sanitary protection advertisement. Presented by Sheena McDonald. (Teletext) (s) (773)

7.00 A Week in Politica. Vincent Hanna and Andrew Rawnsley review the first full week of the election campaign; plus a look back at the political career of Michael Foot (6112)

8.00 to 11.25 TV Heaven. Frank Muir presents another evening of



Just the ticket: Reg Vanney, Bob Grant, Stephen Lewis (8.05 pm)

8.05 On the Buses starring Reg Varney as the cheeky bus driver and Bob Grant as his partner, Jack. In this episode new technology rears its unwelcome head in the form of a two-way radio control. With Stephen Lewis. (Teletext) (558624)

8.55 The Tribe that Hides from Man. Adrian Cowell's remarkable film following the two-year expedition to find and protect the elusive Kreen-Akrore, an Amazonian tribe whose way of life has remaine In the Stone Age (Teletext) (8147150)

10.20 Manhamt: Intent To Steel. In this episode of the fast-paced drama

about three people on the run in occupied France there is a daring undercover attack on a German armament factory. Starring Peter Barkworth and George Sewell (8159247)

11.25 Court TV: America On Trial. Ohio v Banks. A college basketball

star is charged with rape and sexual assault (346518)

12.25am Film: The Big Shot (b)w, 1942) starring Humphrey Bogart as a loser who fails to go straight and joins a gang led by a crooked lawyer. Directed by Lewis Seiter (7809613)

1.56 The Word. Final show of the series (r) (s) (9101629). Ende at 2.55

SATELLITE

SKY ONE © Visithe Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 8.00am Danger Bay (71247) 6.30 Stephant Boy (57893) 7.00 Fun Factory (3830689) 11.00 Transformers (29957) 11.30 Star Tret. (20686) 12.00 Bayerid 2000 (12131) 1.00pm Ripode (38179) 2.00 WWF Superstars of Wrestling (32570) 3.00 Monkey (24402) 4.00 Iron Horso (43537) 5.00 Lottery (5402) 6.00 Return to Treasure Island (18315) 7.00 T.J. Hooker (53402) 8.00 Unsolved Myster-Les (62150) 9.00 Cops I (32421) 9.30 Cops I (13860) 1.000 All American Wrestling

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Target (37803) SKY MOVIES Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
 6.00am Showcase (12599)

8.00 Serenade (1956): Musical staming Mano Lanza (56150) 10.00 Stop the World — I Want to Get Off (1966): Musical about the furbulent life of a modifie-aged, middle-dass tren (19582) 12.00 A Town's Revenge (1959). A simular woman rotums to her home town (1959). A simular woman rotums to her home town (1959). A biaskethall player develops epilepsy (2347) 2.00 Pumping Iron (1977): Amold Schwarzenegger trains for the Mr Olympia little (76353)

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Kemp star as the East London gangaters (76374358) 4.00 Wings of the Apache (1990): Top Gur-Cage (5839435). Ends at 5.25 THE MOVIE CHANNEL

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8.15am Asterix and the Big Pight (1988):
Cartoon (205711)

8.15 And Then There Were None (1945, b/w): Agatha Christie whodunit (387889)

10.15 The Hunfaune (1937, b/w): A typhoon threatens an idylic tropical island. Starring Dorothy Lamour (390353) 12.15pm Blonic Showdown (1989): Star-

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2.15 Freeze Frems (1989): A journalist Investigates a political candidate (6807): Auto-Lindsey Wagner (6/4315)
4.15 B.L. Stryker - Night Train (1980): But Reynolds secorts a girl to Menhattan (651537)
8.15 The Guye (1980): Tragl-comedy about a health-contactous writer-who contracts lung cancer because of his chain-smotling partner. Starring James Woods and John Lithgow (89875067)
7.50 Spotlight (593805)
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8.15 Aid Better Bittes (1980): Denzel Washington start as a self-centred jazz trumpeter (68942178)
10.25 The Guserdien (1980): Jenny Seegrove is an evil natury (227112)
12.00 Hardware (1980): Post-apocalyptic thriller starring Stacey Travis (676919)
1.35em Inteliation (1987): A teeneger bettends an Aborigine (460008)
3.15 The Longest Night (1972): The daughter of a weelfly couple is licinspool Starring David Jannesen and James Ferentino (9864919). Ends at 4.30
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 4.00pm The Lucy Hour (92841) 5.00 The Love Bost (2889) 6.00 Car 54, Where Are You? (2650) 6.30 The Montees (1402) 7.00 Abbott and Costello (3518) 7.30 Menies Marsion (7680) 8.00-17.00 Fize: A Private Function (1965) starring Michael Petin and Maggie Smith (755044)

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6.00am Saturday Afret: Skiling World Cup:
(45792); (8.00) Motor Recing (33847); (9.30)
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(10.60) Skiling World Cup: Gleent Seletion
(8165315) (11.40) Motor Recing (6501247);
(12.40pm) Sei Jumping (4228535); (1.30)
Indoor Strow Jumping (4228535); (1.40)
Cycling (86699); (5.00) Athletics (357);
(6.00) Tennis ATP Tour (73553)
Mexican Grand Prix Cuelifications (88112)
8.00 Hendbell (8780) 9.00 Soxing (17624)
10.00 Tennis ATP Tour (72063)

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• Vis the Astra satellite.
6.00am Long Distance Trial Races (81150)
7.00 Ford Sid Report (57537) 6.00 French
Rugby League (58258) 9.00 Flots.
Moltemport (39421) 9.30 NBA Action 1982
(87782) 10.00 Kick-Boxing (19131) 11.00
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3.00 Bodybulking (88266) 4.00 Moltemport
(55773) 5.00 Powersports (1131) 6.00 Top
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Bike World Cup (13024) 8.30 Gillette World
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MTV

FM Stereo, 4.00am Alex Lisser The Early Show 6.00 Berbera Sturgeon The Saturday Show 8.05 Binen Matthew Sounds of the 1960s RADIO 2 Show 8.05 Brian Matthew Sounds of the 115us 10.00 Sorah Kennedy 12.00 Gyles Brandreth 1.00pm Comedy Hour Educating Arche and at 1.30 The Nows Huddines (r) 2.00 Ronnet Hillon. Sounds of the 1950s 3.00 Steve Race 4.00 8bb Smilet Songs for Swinging Places 5.00 The Movie Hour: Cinema 2, and at 5.30 Singers at the Noves, Jury Gertand (3 of 6) 6.00 Bucks Fizz in Concort, recorded at the Fairfield Halls Croydon 7.00 On the Air Last in the series (r) 7.30 Gibert and Sulfivan Tinis By Jury and Hilló Pinatore (r) 10.00 Easy Doos It 10.30 Radio 2 Arts Programme 12.30em John Mercer. An appraisal by Dave Kelly 1.00 Andrew Lane with hight Fide 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

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As London except: 11.30am-12.00 The Munsters Today (3334) 1.35 Great Planes (9640053) 3.00-4.45 Film: Davy Crookett Flainbow in the Thunder (71314529) 5.10 Central News (8429841) 5.15 Central Sports Special - Goats Extra (3483537) 5.25 Family Fortunes (248380) 5.55-6.50 Reywatch (556150) 10.55 Film: The Ostermen Westend (21415570) 12.50 ChemAttractions

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Dvorak (The Wood Dove):
Brahms (Der Gang zum
Liebchen, Op 31 No 3),
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Liebchen, Op 31 No 3), Schubert (Quartet movement in C minor, D 703); Beethoven (Violin Sonata in G, Op 30, No 3) 8.30 News
8.35 English and Italian Baroque Music by William Lawes, Peiham Humitrey and Purcell, Monteverdi, Salornone Rossi and Mazzochi. Tragroomedia under Stephen Stubbe, chritenone and architute, with Suzie LeBlanc, soprano, lan Honeyman, tenor, Richard Wistreich, bass

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9.30 Saturday Review: Record
Review — Building a Library,
Beethoven's last plano sonata,
Op 111, by Stephan Palstow;
discs of English Renaissance
secular music. 10.40 Record
Refease. Schubert (Symphony
No 4, Tragic: English Sinfonia
under Charles Groves); Morley
(Piezes parlomat hu The. (Pieces performed by The Musicians of Swanne Alley and Red Byrd); Chopin (12 Etudes, Op 25: Vledimir Ashkerazy, pano); John Jenkins (Music for viol consort: Hesperion XX under Jordi Savall); Nielson (Symphony No 2 Four Temperaments: Royal

12.55pm Words: Alistair Bestor looks at language and its

1.00 News
1.05 Plane Trice: Peter Frankl, piano, Gyorgy Pauk, violin, Raiph Kirshbaum, cello, perform Beethoven (Allegretto in B flat, Woo 39): Copland (Vitebsk, Study on a Jewish theme); Dvorák (Tro in E minor, Op 90, Dumky) (r) minor, Op 90, Dumky) (r) Rafaet Kubelik: A series of programmes tracing the career of the Czech conductor. Bevarian Radio Chorus, with Helen Donath, soprano, Brigitte Fassbænder, contraito, Horst Laubenthal, tenor, Hans Sotun, bass, performs Haydn (Prejude, The Creation); Mozart (Symphony No 41 in C; K 551, Jupiter);

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As London except: 11.30em-12.00 The South West Week (8334) 1.55 County Pugby Livel (52421470) 3.55 Certoon Time (4263570) 4.05 4.45 Golf (3182175) 5.06 TSW News (84873550 5.16.100 5.1 TSW 70) 4.05-4.45 Golf (3182179) 5.06 ews (3487353) 5.15-5.25 Gus Honey-

chibition at Manchester City

Live from the Met:
Metropolitan Opers Chorus
and Orchestra under Jemes
Lavine perform Act 1 of
Mozari's four-ect opers, The
Marriage of Figero. With
Patricia Schulman, soprano, s
Countess Almayivas; Dawn
Upshaw, soprano, as
Susanna; and Fraderica Von
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Stade, mezzo, as Cherubino. 7.29 Da Ponta in New York. David Owen Norris talks to

David Owen Norris talks to April FitzLyon, da Ponte's biographer. 7.45 Act 2.8.35 New York Snapshot, Edward Ellie reads from his New York diary, followed by the Opera Outz, and a description of the real New York by Michael Pye. 9.00 Acts 3 and 4 10.30 Lizzle's Tiger

CHOICE: The late Angela Carter's short story.

Carter's short story, commissioned by BBC radio and first heard last August, is re-broadcast tonight as a tribute to her. The reader is

Liza Ross, it would be unfair to reveal who Lizzle turns out to be. But looking back from this earle revelation to the

events that culminate in little Lizzie's lorbidden visit to the

tiger's cage in the travelling circus, we are filled with

admiration for the way that Carter plants her clues and builds on the mood of unease

she creates from the word go with the description of the "anxious architecture" of

Art Gallery Live from the Met

man (9334) 1.55 The Ultra Sell Grand Prix (98594518) 2.25 McCloud: The Great Text cab Stempode (1351426) 2.45-4.45 The A-Team (641044) 5.05 TVS News (3487353) 5.15-5.25 Cartoon (3483537) 10.55-11.20 TYNE TEES

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Starts: 5.00em The Wonderful Wizard of Oz (444459) 6.25 Dr Snuggies (9802334) 8.55 Once Upon a Time-Life (6829236) 7.25 In Conversation with... (438082) 7.55 Trans World Sport (\$12026) 9.00 News (1314334) 9.15 C4 Racing — The Morning Line (480402) 9.30 Jellin (\$1624) 10.00 D'Art (17247) 10.30 Cynhadledd Y Democratield Rhyddrydd '92 (32150) 12.30 Fippar (6212) 1.00 Get Smart (58985) 1.30 The Beverly Hillbillies' (34711) 2.00 Rygbl. (38979537) 4.05 Chemet 4 Racing from Donasster (1983402) 5.05 Brookside (2379795) 8.30 Pres for All (773) 7.00 Newyddion Nos Sadwyr (698689) 7.15 Nos | 23/39/0) b.30 Pres to All (7/3) 7,00 | Nowyddion Nos Sadwim (698699) 7.15 Nos | Sadwim (284112) 8.06 Y Filbir Sgwar (287083) 9.05 Tocyn Tymor (157975) 9.56 | Evening Shade (412112) 10.25 Film: La | Cage Aux Folies (605976) 12.06 Letters from | St Petersburg (8409260) 12.20 Catch 5: | Joseph Haller and Rembrandt (7951532)

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast
5.55 Weather
6.00 News and Sports Round-Up
6.25 Week Ending: A satirical
review of the week's news.
With Sally Grace, David Tate,
Alistair McGowan and Ben
Miller (s) (r)
6.50 Shop the Week, with Robert
Robinson (s)

7.20 Stop the week, with Hober Robinson (s) 7.20 Kaleidoscope: Looking for Rembrandt

CHOCE: Paradoxically,

CHOICE: Paradoxically, Louisa Buck's speeded-up odyssey through Rembrand's life is strengthened, not weakened, by aiming to be all things to all men. For the listener who is tiring of the current obsession for deattributing so many of Rembrandt's works, it is swelcome news that there are

Rembrandt's works, it is welcome news that there are still people such as Buck and her producer Arthony Denselow who are content to follow the clues littering the trail that could lead to more immortant limits — along

ample, the times he lived in

important truths - about Rembrandt the man for

and the essence of his art (s)
7.50 Classic Serial: Buddenbrooks
— The Decline of a Family. The
sixth and final part of John

sixth and final part of John Peacock's adaptation of Thomas Mann's novel (s) 8.50 Conversation Place: Sue MacGregor talks to Detactive Chief inspector Jackie Malton. community liaison officer for the Royal Borough of Kansington and Challens (s)

9.20 Music in Mind, presented by

Brian Kay (s)

9.50 Ten to Ten, with the Rev
Stephen Cirver (s) 9.59

Weather

RADIO 4

Besthoven (Symphony No.9 in D minor, Chorel)
4.00 Turning Up: The composer lan Dearden talks to Chirs de Souza. Dearden (Burnished Gold); Javier Alvarez (According to Differences: Hugh Webb, harp); Dearden (Familiar Sounds?); Trevor Wright (Anna's Magic Garden)
5.00 Jazz Record Requests, with Geoffrey Smith
5.45 Third Opinion, with Christopher Cook, Includes reviews of Hearthreak House, and the Expressionist Face exhibition at Manchester City (s) Stereo on FM
5.55em Shipping Forecast 6.00
News Briefing, Incl 8.03
Weather 6.10 The Farming
Week, Incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30,
8.00, 8.30 News 6.50 Prayer
for the Day 6.55, 7.55
Weather 7.00 Today 7.20
Listeners' Latters 7.25, 8.25
Sports News 7.45 Thought for
the Day 8.55 Weather
9.00 News

the Day 5.56 Vesurer

2.00 News
3.05 Sport on 4, with Cliff Morgan
9.30 Breakaway: Ken Bruce with
travel and holiday news
10.00 News; Loose Ends:
Conversation with Ned Sherrin

and guests (a)

11.00 News; The Politics of Choice, with Robin Lusting

11.30 Europhille, presented by Gordon Clough

12.00 News; Money Robin with

12.00 News; Money Box, with Heather Payton 12.25pts The News Guiz: Barry Took quizzes team captains Richard Ingrams and Alan Coren and guests (s) 12.55 Weather Weather
1.00 The World at One
2.00 News; Costing the Earth:
Robin Page reports on
exploitation of the environment in Kenya, and saks whether catalytic

converters for cars are a political con trick

2.30 Saturday Playbours. The Saturday Playhouse: The Wench is Deed, inspector Morse cornes to radio, played by John Shrapnel, to investigate a century-old crime from his hospital bed, With Robert Glorister, as Sessent Robert Glerister as Sergeent Lawis, Colin Desder's 1989 Gold Degger winner for best ortine novel of the year has been dramatised by Guy Meredith (s)

Meredith (s)
4.00 News; Age to Age: Jonethan
Clark, fellow of All Souls
College in Oxford, discusses
the historical differences in the
perception of sovereignty
between the British and the
remainder of the European

Community 4.30 Science Now; Alum Lewis visits an exhibition that celebrates the first river tunnel at Rotherhither and there is a report on a new method of protecting York Minister's steined glass from the ravages of time and weather

Weather

10.00 The World Tonight (s)

10.00 Open Mind: Peter Riddell chairs a discussion on the political novel (s)

11.00 Richard Baker Comperes Notes with double-bass players Chi-Chi Nwanoku and Rodney Statford (s) (r)

11.30 Lip Service: Whose Handbag is if Anyway? Comedy with Maggie Fox, Sue Ryding, Denise Coffey and Malcolm Raebum (s)

12.00-12.43am News, incl 12.20 Westher 12.33 Shipping Forecast 12.43 World Service (L.W only)

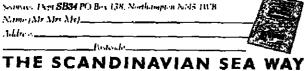
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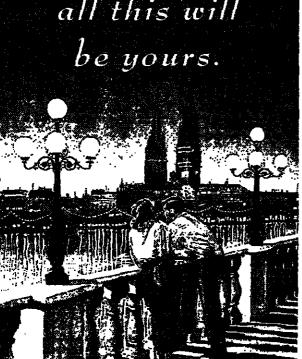


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Sportscall 0245 909997 1.30 Sport on 5, with John Free Netions
Champoniship — Franciu v Ireland at 2pm and Wales v Soptiand at 2.30pm. Football Barctays
League. Racing from Donicaster (3.40) Wilkam Hall Lincoln Hundlede Chicle 1 Apreview of the
World Cup semi-finals, golf, terms and toe hockey 5.00 Sports Report 6.06 Danny Baker at
606.7.30 Le Top 9.00 Alrepop Worldwide A Visit to Brazil 10.15 On the Level, and 11.00 Sport
12.00-12.10am News Sport 4.25 World Cup Cincket Second semi-final in Sydney

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RADIO 3 6.55am Weather, News Headlines 7.00 Manning Concert: Corell (Trio Sonsta in C, Op 1 No 7); Bach (English Suite No 1 in A, BWV 905)

Four Temperaments: Royal Scottish Orchestra under Bryden Thomson)

Lizzie's childhood (r) 11.00 BBC SO under Andrew Davis performs Tippett (Suite, New Year); Hugh Wood (Cello Concerto, Op 12: Timothy Hugh) (r) 12.00 News 12.05am Close

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